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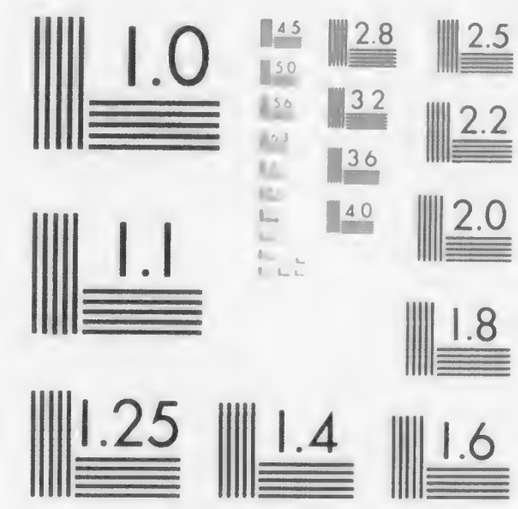

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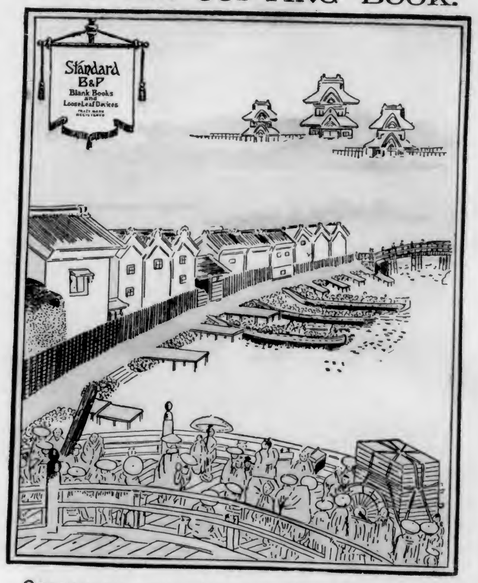

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May 29, 1929.

Dear Florence and Vernon:

The Covilles and ourselves returned a couple of days ago from our pearly trip through the redwoods to Humboldt Bay, and the Covilles left for Washington night before last.

While up there we drove up the north side of the Van Duzen to Carlotta and thence up the ridge on the north to the Wilder's place. I am not sure whether either of you remembers the Wilders, though you may have met Mrs. Wilder in Southern Calif- fornia many years ago when she was Mrs. Thurber, for whom Thurber was named. They are fine people to know; both are excellent field naturalists and Mr. Wilder is a good botanist.

On the road I met for Mr. Wilder showed me a number of skins of mammals and birds, the most interesting of which were the redthroated

which on his place nests not only in the fir trees but also low down near the ground and in some cases in burrows in the ground.

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I am going on a short trip, probably tonight or early in the

Laguntas, Calif.

May 29, 1925.

Dear Florence and Vernon:

The Covilles and ourselves returned a couple of days ago from our hasty trip through the redwoods to Humboldt Bay, and the Covilles left for Washington night before last.

While up there we drove up the north side of the Van Duzen to Carlotta and thence up the ridge on the north to the Wilder's place. I am not sure whether either of you remembers the Wilders, though you may have met Mrs. Wilder in Southern California many years ago when she was Mrs. Thurber, for whom Junco thurberi was named. They are fine people to know; both are excellent field naturalists and Mrs. Wilder is a good botanist.

On the road I met her with a couple of her girl scouts returning from a botanical excursion.

Mr. Wilder showed me a number of skins of mammals and birds, the most interesting of which were the red Phenacomys, which on his place nests not only in the fir trees but also low down near the ground and in some cases in burrows in the ground.

Although our trip was a hurried one and although one of the Indians particularly needed was away from home, I nevertheless succeeded in obtaining from other tribes the solutions of two hitherto unsolved problems, one of which covers the correction of two intertribal boundaries.

I am going on a short trip, probably tonight or early in the

morning, to the Healdsburg region where there are at present remnants of three tribes. If I have good luck in hitting the right man this may save a tedious trip over bad mountain roads.

Vernon's account of the misdeeds of those in charge of the telegraphone is most astonishing and also disheartening. We await results with much interest.

The number of cars operating on the roads of this state at present is almost beyond belief, as you may infer from our license number, which is 1,589,546.

The verdure throughout the Bay region and thence northerly is almost unprecedented. We have never seen anything like it, and the display of wild flowers is most delightful. The Covilles may tell you something about this.

One thing not so pleasant is the fact that a newly married couple went off the face of a vertical cliff on South Fork Eel where their car dropped from a sheer precipice a distance of about 300 ft. before stopping. This happened the day before we passed, and the remains of the car and the occupants were still to be seen on the edge of the river bank. Vernon may remember this cliff. It is 3½ miles north of Garberville and I have shown you photographs of it.

With love to both of you and to Floddie also if she is still with you,

Hart

May 29, 1925.

Dr. A. K. Fisher
The Plymouth
Washington, D. C.

Dear A.K:

Your note of the 19th instant arrived on our return from Humboldt Bay. I had already received a similar card from the Cosmos and had replied in unmistakable language as to the matter of smoking in the club rooms

The Coville's drove to Humboldt Bay with us (in their own car) and have now returned to Washington.

With kindest regards from all of us,

As ever yours,

May 29th, 1925.

Dr. H. C. Oberholser,
2805 Eighteenth St.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Oberholser:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant received on our return from our recent trip to Humboldt Bay.

I am greatly obliged for the dates of the two papers by Wenshaw, concerning which I wrote you before leaving.

With kindest regards to yourself and Mrs. Oberholser,

Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

June 3, 1925

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my May expense account, of $~~272.71~~ 252.71 and vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, $34: and Herbert Lee of Tenakee, Alaska, 2 Griggly skulls, $24, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

Please send Miss Stella R. Clemence, Asst., Takoma Park, Md., check at usual rate for June 1-9 inclusive. Her period of service under the Harriman Fund has expired.

My first field trip of 600 miles, and the last one of 160 miles in the rain, have resulted in filling two important gaps in my maps of the distribution of California Indian tribes. If the good luck continues I shall have a pretty clean slate by the end of the season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Kindly send me a batch of vouchers and carbons as I am out.

Expense Account for May, 1925

1925				
May	5	Boonville Herald, N.Y? Sub. for 1925	1	2 00
	6	Library Congress, Photostat map of Calif.		1 00
	9	Pullman Sleeper (lower) Washn-Chicago		8 25
		Trunk to station .60; Porter 10		70
	10	Chicago: Porter 25; Hand baggage checked 20		45
		Drawing room ChicagoOSanFrancisco $71.75-(1/3)		23 91
		Meals en route (May 9-13) incl dinner at Chicago		15 00
	12	Pullman porter 1.00; Baggage SanFrancisco 45		1 45
		Street car fares 20; meals 1.50		1 70
		Denny Map Co. 6 Calif map sheets @ 15 cts		90
		Allen's Press clippings for April (Bears & Inds)	2	3 00
	14	Cartwright Hotel: Room & bath	3	3 00
		Meals 2; street car fares 20		2 20
		Return ticket, SanFran-Lagunitas		1 20
		Baggage in, Lagunitas		1 00
		Fairfax Garage: Storage car 6 mos 30; work & mater	21.50 4	51 50
		Sparrow Bros: New Willard Battery for car	5	42 00
		Auto license & License plates for car		6 50
		8 gals gas @ 20-		1 60
	16	Am Ry Express: Chgs on chest Mss & Maps from Washn	6	10 17
		Fairfax Garage: Car grease, oil, polish, & labor	7	5 00
		Sparrow Bros: 4 Spark plugs 3; Remy Ignitor 6.50	8	9 50
		Dinner at San Rafael		1 00
	21	1 gal can Mobile oil 1.40; 10 gals gas 2.00		3 40
		Ukiah: 5 gals gas @ 22½		1 13
	22	Willits Hotel: Room & bath	9	2 50
		Willits Garage: Car over night		50
	23	Fortuna: 12 gals gas @ 23		2 76
		Paid Indians May 23 & 24		1 75
	24	Fortuna Auto Camp: 2 nights		1 00
	25	Lane Redwood Flat Auto Camp		50
		Kahto Indians: Tobacco & food		1 50
		Willits: 10 gals gas @ 24		2 40
		Alemiting car & changing engine oil		2 80
		San Rafael: 8 gals gas @ 20		1 60
		Meals en route 5 days @ 1.50		7 50
		Meals of assistant 3 days @ 1.50 (Z. Merriam)		4 50
	27	SanRafael: Barr's Vulc Works: New tire 23; tube 3	10	26 00
		SanRafael-SanFran & ret. 60; meals 2; streetcars 30		2 90
		Ingrim-Rutledge Co: 500 page Jap Copybook	11	5 00
	30	Meals en route, 1.75; Cotati, 7 gals gas 1.44		3 19
	31	Healdsburg: Plaza Hotel, Room	12	1 50
		Car in garage over night		50
		Kachia Indian (Geo James) Vocab services		4 00
		Hotel meals, Healdsburg & Petaluma		2 75
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June 2, 1925

Dear Covilles:

Since you left for the east I have made another trip north, going by way of Petaluma and Santa Rosa to Healdsburg where, after running about for twenty-six miles, I finally located the Indian I was after and obtained a splendid lot of material; just what I wanted.

But my faith in the stability of the California weather was not justified for it rained all the way up there and most of the time afterward, and rained here at Lagunitas most of last night. However, such things cannot go on forever so we have hopes.

We certainly miss you both but take comfort in the thought that since you have entered a wedge in this country you are pretty sure to come again.

The only mail that has come for you was the usual ad from the Smith mortgage Co. I took the liberty to put it in the fire, but if you wish it I will rake out the ashes, sprinkle them over the dun horse and put them out in the rain for resuscitation .

Lagunitas Club affairs appear to have occupied most of the time and brains of the female members of the Merriam family since I left for Healdsburg, but from present appearances I think they are in a fair way to recover their equanimity.

June 2, 1925

Mr. Herbert Lee
Tenakee
Alaska

My dear Sir:

The two bear skulls you shipped to the Biological Survey some time ago arrived before I left Washington.

In accordance with my letter of Jan. 14th in which I offered you $12. each for these skulls, I am sending a voucher for this amount ($24.) to the Smithsonian Institution, from which a check will be sent you shortly.

Thanking you for your continued interest in our collection.

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1925

Mr. Lindsley W. Ross, The Mazamas
332 Chamber Commerce Bldg.
Portland, Oregon

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of May 21st enclosing the clipping concerning the alleged attack near Tilamook of a mountain lion upon a woman in a tent. The details are certainly remarkable, and if true are worthy of permanent record. If I had not run down so many cases of alleged attack I would, of course, be less skeptical.

Thanking you for your continued interest in the matter.

Very truly yours,

June 2, 1925

Professor D.L. Thornbury
1706 Broadway
Oakland, California

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 21st forwarded from Washington has just reached me. In regard to your book on the Redwood Wonderland which you have sent me for $5., will say that I will be glad to remit on receipt of the book which, however, will not be for several months as I do not expect to return to Washington until October. If you sent it by mail it will probably be taken care of by the postman, but if by express I do not know what will become of it as my house is closed for the season.

Very truly yours,

C.

My dear Mr & Mrs Wilder: June 6, 1925

It seems a long time since we enjoyed the hospitality of the Wilders in their charming forest hpme, and it was one of the kind of homes in itself and in its setting that we never can forget.

The Covilles returned to Washington long ago. They were so delighted with northern California that they agreed to come again next year--the usual way.

In continuation of my field work with Indians I have already visited several tribes and have obtained much of the needed data to complete my distribution maps.

Our Olive-sided Flycatchers are early birds, beginning to call or whistle every morning between 4.10 and 4.15 in spite of the fact that it is then not half daylight. And I suspect that you have noted the difference in the earliest morning call from that of later in the day.

Our Western Flycatchers now have in their nest 4 large children, still in the pinfeather stage.

Whenever you (singly or together) come to the Bay region we want you to come to us at Lagunitas. But you will have to let us know in advance as we are away in the field fully half the time.

Mrs Merriam and Zenaida join me in kindest regards and in appreciation of your goodness and courage in entertaining so many of us at one time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 15, 1925

Mr George W. White,President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr White:

The enclosed has just arrived. Not possessing a flying-machine I am unable to reach your Bank before 3 oclock June 7.

And not having an interpreter I am at a loss to know what the notice means. Why should I be expected to "take up coupons"? Where should I take them up to, and what do with them when I got them there? I have for some years supposed that your Bank was the proper place to deposit coupons in and have never before been asked to "take them up."

Speaking of coupons, you may be interested to know that during the first half of June the highest temperature we have had here at Lagunitas was 74° and that for one hour of one day only. The remaining 14 days the maximum has ranged from 60° to 69°. At the same time the night temperatures have ranged from 44° to 57°.

With best wishes(and regrets that I was unable to "take up those coupons"),

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 17, 1925

Engineer Officer
Presidio
San Francisco.

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me the following Calif. map sheets published by Corps of Engineers.

Cape Mendocino	Cape Vizcaino
China Flat	Crescent City
Elk Creek	Floyd
Fort Bragg	Fruto
Glenblair	Hopland
Hullville	King City
Lakeport (2 copies)	Mt. Vaca
Paskenta	Pope Valley
Reiff	Rumsey
San Benito	San Miguel
Venado	Westport
Yuma	

Please address these to me at Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif., and greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 17, 1925

Dr. George Otis Smith
Director U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Will you kindly send me the following map sheets published by the Survey.

White Mountains(Calif.- Nev.)	Bishop
Mt. Morrison	Lida
Silver Peak	Indian Gulch
Metz	

Also as many sheets as have been published along Klamath River, northern California.

If you will kindly have these sent me at my summer address, Lagunitas, Marin Co., Calif., I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 17, 1925.

Dear Vernon:

Your letter from Morgan City reached me a couple of days ago. Glad to know where you are and what you are doing. It is an interesting piece of work and I have no doubt that something worth while will come out of it. From what you say of your plans the job is evidently by no means a small one.

But you forgot to say anything about your beaver work in Pennsylvania, which I hope proved successful.

It will be a worth-while change to take Florence with you to Maine or Michigan; she has stayed in Washington too long.

I have just had a number of trees cut about the house, including several big ones that should have been removed eight or ten years ago. By rare good luck I was able to get Martinelli and Pietro together, and the trees came down without material damage.

It is good to know that the weather down there is so much superior to that of Washington. Ours here has been nearly perfect ever since the Covilles left. No rain, and the thermometer ranging: minimum (nights) 45° to 56°; maximum (daily) 60° to 75°.

The enclosed document will interest you if you have not already seen it.

As ever yours,

E. Hart Merriam

Vernon Bailey
New Orleans

June 22,1925

Dr F. V. Coville
Washington,D.C.

Dear Coville:

By same mail I am sending you specimens of two Gooseberry bushes collected for you in the Santa Lucia Mountains southeast of Monterey by Dr W.Barclay Stephens.

This is a hot day--for Lagunitas--the thermometer registering 78°. It is the fifth day that we have had above 70°. And our nights still run from 44° to 57°.

A rumor reached Lagunitas the other day to the effect that the Coville family are thinking of rebuilding in the far East. Why tie up to a tree so far from California when there is still ground at Lagunitas?

Have had a lot of trees cut since you left, much to the improvement of our place.

The old madrone whirls are now golden and drooping, while the full grown new whirls are upright-spreading and shining green above them; and the azalias are just beginning to blossom.

AND: The Kitchen has been painted WHITE (or creamy white).

Our united loves to you all.

C. Hart Merriam

At the initial meeting of THE LAGUNITAS CANYON CLUB, held at the Club House June 14, 1925, a rough draft of a Constitution and By-Laws was provisionally adopted and referred to Dr C. Hart Merriam for editorial revision. As so revised it was discussed and recommended for adoption at a meeting of the Board of Managers held at the Lagunitas residence of Dr Merriam on Sunday evening June 21, as follows:

LAGUNITAS CANYON CLUB

Constitution and By-Laws

Article I

NAME

This organization shall be known as THE LAGUNITAS CANYON CLUB.

Article II

OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall be the promotion of the best interests of the settlement of Lagunitas, in San Geronimo Valley, Marin County, California, including the enforcement of law and order, the development of the community spirit and neighborliness, the stimulation of social and recreational activities and such other efforts of improvement and development as may be deemed in the interests of the community.

Article III

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be limited as follows:

1 To the members in good standing of the late Lagunitas Woman's Club and of the Lagunitas Men's Club. These shall constitute the Charter Members.
2 To persons owning property in the Community.
3 To persons temporily resident in the Community.
4 To persons interested in the welfare of the Community.

Article IV

OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually at the regular Annual Meeting on the first Sunday in September, and shall perform the duties usually incumbent on such officers.

Article V

DIRECTORS

There shall be a BOARD OF DIRECTORS consisting of the four officers above specified and three additional members elected at the Annual Meeting.

The Directors shall have charge of the business affairs of the Club, shall authorize and approve all expenditures, shall render an annual report of the activites and accomplishments of the Club during the preceding year, and suggestions for the ensuing year. They shall fill vacancies among the officers and directors. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI

MEETINGS

1 The Annual business meeting shall be held on the first Sunday in September.
2 Regular meetings shall be held on the first Sunday of each month from May to October inclusive.
3 Special meetings may be called by the President, by a majority of the Board, or by ten members in good standing, due notice thereof having been mailed to all members at least ten days in advance. All such notices must state the place, time, and object of the meeting, and only the business for which the meeting is called can be transacted.

Article VII

COMMITTEES

There shall be three Standing Committees whose Chairman shall be appointed by the President, as follows: (1) On the Club House; (2) On Hospitality and Entertainment; (3) On the Library.

Article VIII

ELECTIONS

Officers and Directors shall be elected annually at the Annual business meeting, shall take office at the close of this meeting, and shall serve until their successors have been elected.

Nominations for Officers and members of the Board shall be made immediately before election and election shall be by ballot.

Members may be elected at any meeting. Nominations for membership may be made by any member and nominees receiving two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be declared elected.

Article IX

DUES

The annual dues shall be three dollars($3.00) due and payable May 1, and in arrears July 1.

Members in arrears may be suspended by the Board of Directors, and reinstated upon payment of arrearages.

Article X

QUORUM

A quorum at any regular meeting shall be nine.

Article XI

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any regular meeting. They must be in writing, signed by five members, and shall be voted on at the next regular meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present is necessary for adoption.

Article XII

PROCEDURE

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern in all cases where not in conflict with the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Draft of a letter to the Fire authorities of Marin County, Calif. prepared by C. Hart Merriam at the request of Merrick Creagh, President of the Lagunitas Canyon Club, June 21, 1925:

The Lagunitas Canyon Club feels it necessary to call your attention to the condition of the Fire Trails on the San Gerinomo ridge back of our settlement.

The trails are now so narrow and so choked with brush that they are no longer of service and would be worthless in checking a fire from any direction.

Fire as you know is the one outstanding menace and dread of the settlements in San Gerinomo Valley.

The season of fire danger having now arrived, it is our earnest hope that you will have the trails cleared and broadened at the earliest practicable date.

June 23, 1925

Mr Merrick Creagh
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Creagh:

Enclosed are the promised papers.

The one about the trails is of course only a rough suggestion, as I don't personally know present conditions. I have not yet been able to see Pompeo Martinelli and therefore am a good deal in the dark.

Zenaida is today taking the revised draft of the Constitution to the Secretary, Miss Rena Whelan.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 23, 1925

Mr George James
Healdsburg, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Enclosed are prints of the photographs. I think they came out pretty well. Sorry I was not able to send them before.

I want to thank you for the information you gave me, and hope to see you again.

Please remember me to your children.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 25, 1925

Captain S. L. Damon
Sixth Engineers
Presidio, San Francisco

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending me the map quadrangles (with the exceptions noted) asked for in my letter of the 17th instant.

I am surprised that you have not been furnished copies of the Lakeport and Hopland quadrangles as I have had both for some months, and am in need of more for platting field work results.

In case any new quadrangles are issued during the summer I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send copies to me here

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

June 25, 1925

Chief of Engineers
War Department
Washington

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will have sent me, addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County, California, two copies each (for field use) of the Engineer Corps Quadrangles labeled Hopland, Lakeport, and Rumsey.

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

June 25 1925

Mr Stuart R. Ward
Asst. Secretary
Commonwealth Club of Calif.

My dear Mr Ward:

Many thanks for your letter of the 23d instant. But you are confusing two Merriams--John C. M.,President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and myself. I happen to be the one particularly interested in California Indians. My address has been the same for the past fifteen years: Washington,D.C. in winter, and Lagunitas,California in summer and fall.

The minutes of meetings of January 28 and April 8,which you were good enough to enclose, are of very special interest to me. But I regret to see that T.C.West made use of the antiquated and obnoxious term "Digger Indians". The Indians have protested for years against it, and two years ago I secured the passage of a resolution against it by Secretary Work's 'Committee of One Hundred', after which the Indian Office abandoned its use. There never was an Indian tribe of this name; nevertheless the term "Digger Indian" has been applied to more than 100 tribes in California and Nevada as well as to many tribes in Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and some other states.

I am very glad to see that Mr Elkus and Dr Collier stood up against Rev.Collett's damnable attitude in doing all he could to defeat--and apparently he did defeat--the earnest effort of friends of California Indians to secure a definite, unbiased,non-partisan and authoritative statement as to their present condition.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Calif.
June 27, 1925

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Last night we had a genuine "THRILL"--and it came all by itself without going to hunt for it.

Zenaida was down at the Club helping decorate it for coming festivities. Elizabeth and I were reading in the big room and enjoying the fire in the fireplace. We heard a noise and I went out on the porch to see what was up. But I did'nt have to look, for as I opened the door the whole forest was illuminated by a terrible fire and flames were shooting up way above the tops of the tallest trees and the roar was terrifying. And Barnabe Ridge on the opposite side of the canyon glowed red standing out horribly in the darkness of the night on that side.

I shouted FIRE as loud as I could yell and someone answered from below, and presently the fire bell by the station rang out.

The fire was on the west side of our house and about a hundred feet below, and seemed to be rushing up toward us.

At first we thought there was no possibility of saving the house and Elizabeth hustled things into the safe-vault--clothes, bedding, books and all sorts of things--while I attached a couple of long hose and wet the fire-side of the house and the ground for some distance around. Then Zenaida drove up with a carfull of women from the Club--all believing it was our house.

Zenaida got a ladder and took the longest hose up on the top of the roof and doused the swiftly falling cinders--many as big as your hand. At the same time others were busy along the road, putting out starting-fires and packing their belongings

into their cars--if they had cars as most of them did--or packing them on their backs. Everyone was sure that all our houses were going up in smoke .

Then a man by the name of Holmes from high up on the other side of the canyon saw the fire and was sure it was our house. So he and his wife rushed over. And when he saw Zenaida up on the roof he immediately changed places with her and kept the roof soaked till nearly midnight.

Meanwhile the fire warden of this district had been notified by phone and came up in his fire car with assistants, and at his orders additional fire-fighting outfits from San Rafael and Larkspur came swiftly over, clearing the roads with their sirens, while at the same time our Martinelli, the most experienced fire fighter in the district, was already at work with his gang of trained men and had the fire under control. Then he climbed up to our place and told us the danger had passed and we could go to bed.

So at midnight we put the car(still loaded with everything) in the garage and E and Z dug the bedding out of the vault and we went to bed.

"All's well that ends well"--and I'm glad I happened to be at home.

One of the lucky things about it is that we had connecting pipe with the high-pressure system put in only day before yesterday; otherwise we would not have had any water on the roof.

Our love to you all,

As ever, Hart

The nearest house almost of us burned to the ground — theirs did

July 5,1925

Mr N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Inst.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Enclosed is my expense account for the month of June, amounting to $172.99, which as usual I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman fund.

The Banfield-Hullinger photo bill($39.15) I have paid but the reciepted voucher has not yet come bach. It is No 13 . I will either forward it in a day or two or attach to the account when it comes back.

For years I have wanted photographs of certain trees and parts of trees, and of our big Redwood Salamander, but have been too busy to take the time necessary for such difficult subjects. So this year I have had an expert photographer--a Spanish woman of 70 years--come up and do the work.

You know it never rains in California in summer. But yesterday,the FOURTH of JULY, it rained most of the forenoon. The San Francisco branch of the Weather Bureau announces today that it is ninety five years since California committed an indiscretion of this sort.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense account for June 1925

June 1925					
June	3	Humphries Motor Car Co.,SanRafael:Work on car, taking down rear end and repairing broken gears	1	25	06
	5	Fare, Fairfax-SanFrancisco & return			60
		Meals 1.25; street cars 30		1	55
		Butterworth Bros,SanRafael:Repairing car top	2	9	50
	8	12 gals gas @20, $2.40; Ret fares,Sausalito-Alameda	66	3	06
	8-9	Meals 2.00; Street car fares 45		2	45
	9	Mason's Garage,Sausalito:Car over night .50;Washing,greasing & polishing car $3.75	3	4	25
		Yosemite "Nature Notes" for 1925		2	00
	10	Allen's Press Clippings for May (Indians)	4	3	00
	15-16	Ret fare Sausalito-San Fran.			30
		Underwood ribbon 1.00; key letter H .35		1	35
		Streetcar fares 2 days .50; Meals 2 days 5.00		5	50
		Room,Hotel State 2.00; Phones .60	5	2	60
		Sausalito Garage, car over night .50			50
	19	Ynez Mexia: Photo cut films 4.50;Services photographing trees & salamanders(6days)$20; RR $3.50	6	28	00
	20	Fairfax Garage: Riviting hood clamps & storage			50
		Ret fare Fairfax-San Fran. 60; Streetcars.30			90
		Meals,SanFrancisco		1	60
		H.S.Crocker, 500 3x5 cards	7	1	05
	22	Marin Service station: Changing Engine oil(4qts)	8	2	15
		Telegram to Accountant,Smithsonian		1	37
	26	Fare Sausalito-SF & ret.30; Streetcars .35			65
		H.S.Crocker: 4 pkgs Envelopes for photos	9		60
		A.Lietz Co. 1 Self-registering thermometer	10	2	50
		½ doz rolls #120 Film @25,1.50; Meals 1.30		2	80
		7 strings beads for Indian children @10			70
	29	Sparrow Bros, SanRafael: Set new headlights to conform to new State law in effect July 1	11	7	00
Trip to Indians,Santa Rosa, Sebastopol,& Geyserville					
	29	Santa Rosa:7 gals gas @20½ 1.44; Pd Indians 1.50		2	94
		Repair cutout.50; fill differential & transm.50		1	00
		Meals		1	75
	30	Santa Rosa:Car over night 50; Meals 2.50		3	00
		Pd Old Sebastopol Ind woman(Mrs Sears)		3	00
		Pd Josepha Maxamilian, Healdsburg 1.00; others 1.00		2	00
July 1		Room 2 nights, Occidental Hotel,Santa Rosa	12	5	00
		Garage, car over night			50
		Banfield-Hullinger Co.,SanFrancisco: Photo films, developing, enlarging, and printing for June	13	39	15
		Edward Denny & Co. Maps	14	1	41
		Postage and stampt envelopes, June		1	70
				172	99

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July 10, 1925

Cashier,
Crocker Nat. Bank
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly secure for me the market values of the Bonds listed below, as of July 1, 1925, and charge fee to my account. (Said values necessary in filing my D.C. Personal and Intangible Tax return).

C. Hart Merriam —

C B & Q	4s	1958
C B & Q	3½s	1949
C M & St P	4s	1989
C & NW	4s	1987
Conn Ry & Ltg	4½s	1951
Consol Ry	4s	1954
Del & Hud	4s	1943
Ill Cent, Louisv Div	3½s	1953
Imperial Russ Cr	6½s	1919
NY NH & H	4s	1956
" " "	3½	1954
U P	4s	1947
Virginian Ry	5s	1962

July 10, 1925

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Here are the detailed statements of the Banfield-Hullinger Co for the month of June, which should have accompanied my last expense account. I am mortified to have to send in (rather frequently) poorly stated and worse signed receipts. But you can hardly imagine how much trouble and time are required in order to get proper receipts.

Curiously enough, some people want to know if I think them dishonest and am afraid they will later send another bill for the one already paid!

In the case of the photographic bill: I had sent the check by mail (to save a trip to the city) but did not recieve the receipt. As I was just starting on another trip and wanted to send in the account, I went to SanFrancisco and asked Banfield for the receipt. He said he had mailed it. Next morning on my way up the coast I found it in the postoffice (but not properly signed) and sent it on to save valuable time. And now that I have just returned, find the enclosed detailed bills which correspond with the dates and amounts of the account sent in several days ago! Am surely sorry to annoy you by this unbusinesslike way of doing business.

Just back from a trip of 213 miles over what I believe to be the most dangerous mountain road in America--narrow, steep, zigzagging in short abrupt pitches down appaling canyons dropping a thousand feet or more from the edge of the wagon track, with no possible place to turn out for miles together--but we didnt meet anybody.
Got a splendid lot of material from the Marins.

C. Hart Merriam

July 10, 1925

My dear Miss Eastwood:

What is this Brodiaea? It doesn't exactly fit the descriptions of either grandiflora or laxa. I got it in the foggy forest at the Indian rancheria on the mountain summit 4½ miles east of Stewarts Point, where it is common in the clearing and along the edge of the woods.

By the way, if you have ever been to Stewarts Point you must have had thrills enuf to exonerate you from the 'Movies' for several weeks! We went by way of Cazadero and drove back by way of Skaggs and Healdsburg.

Hastily yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy Sciences
San Francisco

San Rafael, July 10, 1925

Assessor, Washington, D.C.

Please send two Personal Tax blanks to C. Hart Merriam, Lagunitas, California.

July 18, 1925.

Miss Mabel C. Washburn, Secretary,
Indian Defense Association of Santa Barbara,
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Miss Washburn:

Acting on your undated letter received on July 13th I immediately sent my dues to the treasurer and have this day received his receipt.

I have read with much interest the letter you enclosed (likewise undated) in regard to the Pueblo Indians, in whose interest the Indian Defense Association has done so much good work.

But would it not be well for the California branches of this Association to pay more attention to our own California Indians, thousands of whom are much worse off than the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico?

For a long time many of us have felt the need of a reliable non-religious journal devoted to the interests of our Indians — one we would be willing to support and to which we might look for trustworthy news as to the conditions and doings in relation to our Indians.

It is with special pleasure therefore that I welcome the first number of "American Indian Life" which you were kind enough to enclose with your letter. This is a good

beginning, but before many numbers are printed I hope those in charge of the publication will change its form by reducing from folio size to large octavo. Documents of this size are extremely difficult to file among the subjects in which they belong. If folded once, the resulting size would be convenient and two pages of proper size for library shelves or files would certainly be a vast improvement over the newspaper style of sheet which this too closely approaches.

Best wishes for the success of the publication and of the Association,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

July 18, 1925.

Dr. W. B. Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Your letter of the 12th instant from Yosemite was read with much interest and appreciated by all of us. Evidently you had a hot and busy time at Clear Lake, but it will be a satisfaction to know that your pump house and gasoline engine are in such excellent condition for future requirements.

You and Stuart did well to climb that peak twice during your short stay. I would like to borrow your legs for the rest of the season! Glad you were rewarded by finding Dicentra chrysantha. It surely is a lovely plant. I found it blooming in quantity in the hills back of Stonyford the year before last.

Your deliberate trip to Yosemite must have been most satisfying. This is the right way to go so that you have time to see things along the way. And it is odd that you met the Indian, Frank Bucknell. I did some work with him a number of years ago.

The Yosemite and Berkeley boys seem to be doing

a land office business with salamanders this year. Only a short time ago they described a new species and now you tell me they have another.

Since we saw you last I have made several short trips and one longer one — the latter to Stewarts Point. If you have ever driven from Cazadera up the coast to Stewarts Point and then across the mountains to Healdsburg I am sure you forgot to tell me about it. You could hardly have made the cross trip in anything but a very small car. The turns are so sudden and short and so multitudinous and the pitches so steep that one would not forget them in a hurry, even though the route did not traverse what are perhaps the most precipitous and extraordinary canyons in California. We made most of the turns in low at a speed of 5 miles, feeling that anything swifter would have precipitated us from 500 to 1,000 feet into one or the other of the canyons that fall off from the outer track of the road. For miles there are no turnouts, so you may imagine we had little opportunity to observe the scenery, which really is remarkable. I would be glad to get there again, if possible, and take a lot of photographs. It should be fixed as a one way road and the inquisitive public notified accordingly. I rather like the Westport-Laytonville road which takes only west bound traffic in the forenoon and east bound in the afternoon. This relieves

Dr. W. B. Stephens - 3

the driver of unnecessary strain.

Monday morning I expect to go to Sonoma Valley on a hunt for one or two Indians, who if found ought to be able to give me some badly needed information.

We have not heard a word from Bruce but suppose that he must have returned from his second trip down Eel River. I shall be glad to learn details. I had hoped that he would come here and tell us about it.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever yours,

July 18, 1925.

University Press
Berkeley California

Dear Sirs:

A recent newspaper clipping announces the appearance of a work on the Wiyot Indians by Miss Gladys Richard, with cooperation of Professors Kroeber and Boas.

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a copy of this work to the above address with bill for same.

Very truly yours,

July 18, 1925.

Mr. Wesley Hicks
115 Minna Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me, at request of Dr. Stephens, descriptive circulars concerning your electric air heaters and water heaters. I am interested in these and may write you later for other information.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 18, 1925.

Dome Oil Company
Takoma Park, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant, just received. I am returning herewith the three copies of contract for fuel oil (28-32 gravity) during the coming season for my Gill burner, at the price quoted, 8 1/2¢ per gallon.

You may be interested to know that during the past two weeks I have received two or three similar requests from other oil companies, but inasmuch as you have been very prompt and satisfactory in the past I see no reason to change.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 18, 1925.

Mr. E. J. Davis,
Paisley, Oregon.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of June 11 reached Washington about a month after I had gone west on field work and is now before me. I am glad to know that you have secured the skull and backbone of the lava bed bear in question.

Before talking about the skin I would suggest that you pack the skull securely in a box and send it to me for examination. If you send it parcels post it should be addressed to Lagunitas, Marin County. If you ship it by express it should be addressed to San Geronimo, Marin County. As soon as I can examine the skull I will write you and will either return it or make you an offer for it. I will then be in a position to know better about the skin.

Very truly yours,

July 19, 1925.

Officer in Charge of Topographic Work
U. S. Geolgical Survey
Sacramento, California

My dear Sir:

Are the results of map work in and about Round Valley available? If so, I should greatly appreciate a copy of the map.

And do you know of any map or surveys showing the names of the various tributaries of Eel River between Fort Seward and Dos Rios?

Very truly yours,

July 19, 1925.

Mr. J. D. Coffman, Forest Supervisor,
California National Forest
Alder Springs, California

My dear Mr. Coffman:

For some years I have been doing a good deal of field work on various parts of Eel River and in Round Valley and have given a good deal of attention to the matter of geographic nomenclature. But there remain a number of features, particularly creeks and ridges, the English names of which I have been thus far unable to ascertain.

Several months ago I sent a tracing of this part of Eel River addressed to the Forest ranger at Covelo, asking him if he would kindly make any necessary corrections or add the names of any unnamed streams on the map. I have never received a reply and am wondering if you could not help in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

-COPY-

March 6, 1925.

Forest Ranger
Covelo, California
Dear Sir:

Herewith I am enclosing a rough tracing of a section of Eel River west of your region in the hope that you will be able to correct certain names of creeks, if they need correcting, and also to add manes of some that are not named. I am particularly anxious to know which creek is called "Indian Creek", but any corrections and additions will be thankfully received.

Is there any other name for Natoikot Creek?

Which is the proper way to spell Dobbin Creek--Dobbin or Dobbyn?

Very truly yours,

/S/ C. Hart Merriam

Is there a creek running down to Eel River from the old Underhill ranch (now Bob Glen or Bob Green ranch) on west side of Eel River?

Is any creek known as Flint Creek?

Is Moore's place at Mina?

July 19, 1925.

Mr. Ansel F. Hall, Chief Naturalist
U. S. National Park Service
Yosemite National Park

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thanks for your letter just received.

I had previously received Nos. 1 to 5 of volume 4 of "Yosemite Nature Notes" in which I have found a great deal of interest in connection with my own work.

I have also heard of your new museum and the great good fortune you have had in obtaining such a tremendous lot of money with which to build the Yosemite Museum.

In compliance with your request I shall, of course, be glad to aid in connection with questions that may come up before your Advisory Council.

I had hoped to visit the valley again this year but pressure of field work in other parts of the State will I fear prevent.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Mr. C. P. Russell, Park Naturalist
Yosemite National Park

My dear Mr. Russell:

Thanks for your letter of June 12 which awaited my return from certain field work in northern California. You and your associates have evidently done an amazing lot of work in the Yosemite region since my last visit to the valley. I wish it were probable that I could get there during the present series.

I am greatly interested naturally in your publication entitled "Yosemite Nature Notes". It is a good title with an attractive cover and contains a whole lot of meat. But the typography and press work are still a long way from what might be desired. Could you not shake off this newspaper fine type and make use of a large enough type so that an old man with good spectacles could read a few pages of it without getting a headache!

You must be mighty busy to produce so much material in so short a time.

I note that the numbers I have received begin with volume 4. Can you not send me the preceding 3 volumes? I should like to have the journal complete and shall be only too glad to remit the price on information.

With best wishes for the continuance of good work.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Dr. Grover F. Powers
330 Cedar Street
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Doctor Powers:

After a somewhat round-about journey your letter dated June 15 found me at my summer headquarters, to which I have recently returned after field work in northern California.

Unfortunately I know nothing about the rate of growth and development of the water buffalo, reindeer and elephant or their weights at birth or at intervals thereafter.

I would suggest however that you write Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Assistant Secretary, Smithsonian Institution (until recently Superintendent of National Zoological Park, Washington).

Regretting that I cannot help you,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Prof. E. L. Thorndyke, Chairman
Section of Anthropology and Psychology
National Academy of Sciences

Dear Professor Thorndyke:

Many thanks for your courtesy in writing me in regard to the availability of a fund to publish results of scientific research in the field of anthropology. I shall be still further obliged if you will make application for me for the sum of $1,500 to be applied to the publication of large scale colored maps showing the boundaries of the numerous Indian tribes of Northern California as recognized by themselves at the time of arrival of the white men.

I have been engaged in the preparation of these detailed maps for more than 30 years and am just now completing a few outstanding odds and ends necessary to finish the work this year.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Prof. E. L. Thorndyke
Teachers College
Columbia University
New York City

July 19, 1925.

Miss Jessie H. Davies, Staff Secretary
California State Historical Association
University of California

My dear Miss Davies:

Thanks for your kindness in returning the photographs. I found them here in good condition on my return from a recent trip.

With regards to Dr. Coy,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Replying to your letter of the 8th instant in regard to the condition of California Indians with reference to their use of good agricultural lands, I shall be glad to write you more at length later. But just now I fail to recall any case in which "good agricultural land" has been furnished Indians for their own use. However I will keep my eyes open and will write you or see you later.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr. Knight:

I apologize for the delay in thanking you for your kindness and trouble in finding the name of a Stewarts Point Indian and the place where he was working. I immediately went over and spent a day with him, obtaining much material of interest.

Have been travelling so much lately and have such an accumulation of work when I reach here between trips that I have fallen far behind in the matter of letters.

A few days ago an Indian told me that an Indian named Dan Scott said to belong to the Walholla tribe had married a Yokiah woman and was living at or near Ukiah. Maybe he lives in the same settlement with you. At all events you doubtless know and can tell me whether or not he really is a Walholla. Some years ago some Indians at Sebastopol, called the Walholla tribe We'-sha-chum'-mi.

I wonder if you ever heard of a word which came to me as Ubak-hea, and if so, if you know the meaning.

There is just one other question I want to

bother you with: when you drive south from the place along the east side of the River, the road finally comes to a sudden turn to the right before crossing to Largo. Just where the road makes a turn to the west side of the River there is a considerable hill which the road skirts. Do you know the name of this hill?

Some of these days I am going to stop to see you but suppose you would not be home except on Sundays.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida to yourself and other members of your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925.

Prof. Herbert W. Gleason
1259 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston 34, Massachesetts

My dear Professor Gleason:

Upon returning from a recent field trip I find your letter of June 27 awaiting attention.

It takes my breath away to learn that the Houghton Mifflin Company are getting up a special edition of John Muir's works in which they are willing to use 1,000 photographs. This is truly amazing and shows a wonderful change of heart on the part of these publishers in the matter of illustrations.

Unfortunately, for your immediate needs, it is beyond my power at present to help you in the matter of Harriman expedition photographs. My set is locked up in my house in Washington to which no one has access; and furthermore it would be out of the question for any one else to attend to the matter.

But the two photographs you wish from the Fish Commission you can doubtless obtain by addressing the Commissioner at Washington.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

July 19, 1925,

Capt. Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Returning from a recent trip in the mountains of northwestern California I find your letter telling me what happened in the Geographic Board after I left Washington. I am very much interested as well as grevious-ly disappointed in the outcome, but wish to thank you for your frankness and courtesy in telling me just what did happen.

This is the first time in my twenty years of service on the Board, and I think the first time in the history of the Board, that the President of the United States has seen fit to dictate as to any of its decisions. To me it is a dreadful thing that politics should be allowed to interfere with the free action of the Board.

But under the circumstances I do not see how the Board could possibly have done differently.

We are, as usual, having a very busy season and I still have much work to do with the Indians of the northeastern and northwestern sections of the State.

With best wishes to Mrs. Barnes and yourself in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

July 19, 1925.

Dear Betty:

Obviously you recovered from your celebration on the Fourth in excellent time as you were able to write me on the 5th.

So you are at Mars Hill Camp. Can you see Mars any better from this camp than from Lyons Falls?

Well, you are a lucky girl to be able to travel about so much and see so many things and go to such an interesting camp, the only unfortunate thing being that you keep so far away from California.

I do not think much of wasting one's time on wood carving, but incidentally you doubtless have a chance to learn something worth while about the plants and animals of that part of the great State of Maine. But it seems a pity that you have thus far failed to enjoy the experience of sea sickness. I would suggest that you take a thick slice of raw pork and spread it over with molasses, eating it standing on the starboard deck in a good breeze. This may have the desired result. If not, I will make one or two additional suggestions.

If you learn to talk in their own language to the 57 varities of girls mentioned in your letter you will have a good foundation for linguistic attainments.

It is too bad that you could not have been on a recent auto trip with us to visit a little known tribe of Indians on top of a mountain near the coast. We thought the road over there pretty severe and so came back another way thru mountains and deep canyons of the Gualala River country where the road is little more than 6 feet wide with hundreds of pitches and short turns where one's speed has to be reduced to 5 miles and where an error of a few inches would shoot one down 1,000 feet or more into a precipitous canyon. For miles there are no places to turn out, but we had the good luck not to meet any one.

Your grand aunt Elizabeth and your little aunt Zenaida join me in best love and wishes for a happy and profitable summer.

Affectionately, Uncle Hearst

Miss Betty Hone
Camp Mars Hill
Union, Maine

July 19, 1925.

Hon. Adelard Turgeon, President
The Comeau Memorial Committee
Quebec, Canada

My dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 2nd instant forwarded from Washington, I am glad to know that your Committee has secured a drawing for a bronze plaque to commemorate the memory of Napoleon Comeau. While the likeness in the center is not so good as many of us who knew Comeau might wish, nevertheless the design as a whole strikes me as very appropriate.

As a small contribution toward the execution of this project I take pleasure in enclosing herewith my check for $10, with regrets that I cannot make it larger.

Many years ago—in 1881 and 1882, if my memory serves me correctly— I visited Comeau at his remote home at the mouth of the Godbout River, and a few years later he visited me at my home in northern New York. In view of his opportunities he was a very remarkable man and one whose kindly helpful nature and knowledge of natural history were worthy of high admiration.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

July 19, 1925

Dear E.W.:

Your's of June 26 received on our return from a trip north. It's good to know that you are continuing to gain, but sad that you are planning to put off your visit to the coast till the middle of September.

Don't postpone visiting Lagunitas till late October if you are counting on a drive to Humboldt Bay over the Redwood highway with Merriams as drivers, for if you dont show up till the rains begin there's apt to be "nothing doing".

And right here on Lagunitas ridge you are bookt to cast your critical eye about the place to see how fully your advice in the matter of forest destruction has been followed.

Besides, the blackberry crop is beginning to ripen and the opportunity to be turned loose in a Lagunitas "brier patch" is not to be lightly cast aside.

Yesterday the thermometer nearly reached 80°, and todayit registered 76°, but such high temperatures can't be for long.

Elizabeth and Zenaida send love and want you to hurry up.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr E. W. Nelson
Biological Survey
Washington, D.C.

July 28, 1925

Mr Stuart R. Ward
Asst Executive Secretary
Commonwealth Club, SF.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of yesterday in which you address me as "Dr John C. Merriam" indicates that you failed to note my letter of June 25, in which I called your attention to the confusion of Merriams, explaining that Dr John C. M. (President of the Carnegie Institution of Washington) lives in Washington--not in Lagunitas. Where he is now I do not know, but you can probably learn by phoning the University at Berkeley.

Printed matter from the Commonwealth Club, obviously intended for me, continues to come to Lagunitas, in spite of my letter to you of June 25, addressed to John C. Merriam.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 28, 1925

Mr Thos. G. Gerdine
Division of Engineers
U.S. Geological Survey
Sacramento, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 19th instant and for the rectograph copies of maps in vicinity of Round Valley, which you were good enough to send me. I appreciate them greatly.

I have of course the Forest Service maps of the California and other National Forests.

In regard to the map sheets of the Engineer Corps, U.S.A., of which you speak, would say that I have had some 90 odd of these for months and have sent them some twenty pages of corrections.

They omit many streams, put some in wrong places, give some wrong names, and show many to which they give no names at all. I have made a joint tracing of their Eel River sheets and am trying to get the local names--as well as the Indian names--for the various streams and other features. It is a big job. Taking the whole of Eel River, I have a couple of hundred Indian names in ten different languages.

Do you know if the Calistoga sheet is to be issued in the near future? I need it badly.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

July 28,1925

Mr Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr Knight:

Very many thanks for your most welcome letter of the 22d. Wish I were as prompt as you are in answering letters. But I am away in the field too much, and have too much of an accumulation of notes between trips.

I am particularly glad to know that Dan Scott is so full of promise, and that he lives at Hopland reservation. I will go there in a few days if all goes well. There are two other men there whom I want to see: Charley Lucas, said to be from Dry Creek, and old Tom Connor that you told me about last year.

Thanks also for the information as to the word printed as "Ubak-hea", and for the clue to the Yo-ba-ka-yo--whom I never heard of before.

There is to be a meeting of the Section on Indian Affairs of the Commonwealth Club at San Francisco in a couple of days and I am going to try hard to be there. I must drive to Tomales Bay to see an old woman tomorrow, and then rush back in time for the meeting.

Will connect with you as soon as I can, but both of us are very busy men. I shall have a few things to tell you.

We all send kindest regards to you all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

RFD Box 188

August 3, 1925

Prof. E. L. Thorndike, Chairman
Committee on Anthropology &c
National Academy of Sciences
Teachers College, Columbia Univ.

My dear Professor Thorndike:

Your circular letter to the members of the Committee on Anthropology and Psychology of the National Academy reached me today, but I dont see how anyone can vote on the projects listed without more information. For instance, how is any one to know what is meant by "large scale colored map of Dr C. H. Merriam" without the information that the map shows the distribution of the Indian tribes of the state of California?

And similarly, how can one judge of the value of "work of Dr Hrdlicka", or of the "thesis of Dr G.M. Ruch" with no information as to what these things are about?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

August 6, 1925

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for July, amounting to $141.24; and also voucher for Zenaida Merriam, assistant, for $44. which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman fund.

The State Division of Motor vehicles has just sent me a check for $3.50 as refund from my license fee paid when I came last May, and I have deducted it from the sum of the July account, as you will see.

I appreciate your kind letter of July 15.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California

Expense Account for July 1925

July	1	Petaluma: 8 gals gas @ 20½	1	64
		Meals 2.50; Pd Geyserville Indians 2.	4	50
	3	Sub.Canadian Forestry Mag for 1925	2	00
	6	SanAnselmo-SanFrancisco & ret.60; repair car cutout 75	1	35
		Allen's Press Clippings June	3	00
		A.Lietz Co: Tube-case thermometer for field use	2	50
		Street cars .30; meals 1.50	1	80
	7	Petaluma: 8 gals gas @ 20½ 1.64; grease 30	1	94
		Fig bars for Kahchia Indian children & beads for women	1	50
		Lunch & supper, self & asst	2	00
	8	Bkfst & lunch, self & asst	2	00
	7 & 8	Pd Kahchia Indians (vocab & geog work)	8	00
	8	Fitch Mt Tavern,evg dinner, self & asst	2	00
	9	Fitch Mt Tavern, 2 rooms,self & asst @ 1.50	3	00
		" " Bkfst, " " @ 75	1	50
	9	Petaluma: 11 gals gas 2.26; brakes tightened &c 75	3	01
	16	Indian Defense Assoc Santa Barbara	2	50
	17	Engine oil changed & car alemited	3	00
		Ret fare San Francisco.60;Street cars 30; meals 1.50	2	40
		Sausalito: 10 gals gas @ 20	2	00
	19	Stenographer (C.Daly) & RR fare SF-Lagunitas & return	8	50
	21	SanRafael: Tire changed & vulcanized1; Battery chg 25	1	25
		" 1 gal Mobile oil 1.40; 10 gals gas 2.	3	40
		Meals(Sonoma Valley & Santa Rosa)	1	75
	22	Santa Rosa: Room Occidental Hotel	2	00
		" " Night storage car .50; Meals 2.50	3	00
	23	" " Room Occidental Hotel	2	00
		" " Car storage 50; work on car 1.50	2	00
		10 gals gas 2; meals 2.20	4	20
		Fig bars &c for Indian children		30
		Pd Indians (vocab & geog work: 3; 1; 2; 2)	8	00
	27	Barr's Vulc Works: new tire & tube (33x4)	31	65
	29	Tomales Bay: 10 gals gas	2	00
		Presents Tomales Bay Ind children (Old folks decline pay)		50
		Meals		75
	30	SanAnselmo-SanFrancisco ret .60; Street cars 30		90
		Meals 1.50; car storage 25	1	75
	31	Banfield-Hullinger Photo work in July	13	98
		Univ. Calif: Wiyot Indians by G.A.Reichard	2	83
		Stampt envelopes & postage,July	1	84
		Less Refund of overpayment for Calif Auto license $3.50	144	74
		One hundred, forty one - - - - - - twenty four -	$141.24	

141.24

C. Hart Merriam

Aug. 12,1925

Mr E. J. Davis
Paisley, Oregon

Dear Sir:

The small skull and backbone of your Bear arrived three days ago, and yesterday I took the skull to San Francisco and compared the teeth carefully with specimens in the museum of the California Academy of Sciences. Your specimen is a cub of the 2d year and some of the teeth, including the last lower molar, have not yet come into place in the jaw. And some of the first or milk teeth have not yet been shed,including the canines or "Dog tusks" of both jaws.

The important teeth--the molars--so far as out agree perfectly in size and characters with those of the ordinary Black Bear. And the skull agrees perfectly with cubs of corresponding age of the Black Bear. If it is a "Lavabed Bear" and is in any way different from a Black Bear, it will take the skull of a fully adult male to show any differences.

I am sorry, as I had hoped the animal was adult and that it would show differences.

If you had examined the skeleton you would have noticed that the ends of the leg bones and the parts of the pelvis and skull have not yet united or grown together.

In view of the facts the best I can offer is $20 for the skin and skull, or $5 for the skull alone.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Rec'd the skin & skull & remitted $ 20
in $5 bill 9/19/25 Chas

August 12, 1925

Miss Jeannette Hare
152 East 40th Street
New York City

Dear Miss Hare:

Your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing a letter and check for Dr A. K. Fisher (forwarded from Deadletter Office)from Mrs Rumsey, has just reached me and I am forwarding it to Dr Fisher today.

Please give my kindest regards to Mrs Rumsey.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Merriam

Aug.12,1925

Dear A.K.:

The enclosed letters and check sent you in November 1924, addressed to some hotel in Arizona, have just been forwarded to me.

Sorry I was off on a field trip when your daughters and their families called a few days ago. Our forks enjoyed their visit and were much pleased with the unusual way the children behaved--in striking contrast to some children here last week!

Dont know where you are, so am sending this to office. Shall look for you in Sept.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 13, 1925

Prof. D. L. Thornbury
1706 Broadway, Oakland

My dear Professor Thornbury:

The copy of your interesting book, Californias Redwood Wonderland, which you sent me at Washington so long ago, has been recieved, and I am enclosing check for five dollars in payment.

Ever since you were here I have been actively engaged in field work among California Indians, and am at home only between trips. Am expecting to set out again tomorrow.

With kind regards to yourself and family, in which Mrs Merriam and my daughter join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 14, 1925

My dear Mrs Gregory:

Absence from home will explain my delay in again thanking you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in giving me that fine old Trinity River basket. It forms a much appreciated addition to my collection.

And I want to apologize for my very hasty departure. I had an appointment for 3 oclock with a San Francisco dentist, and besides, you were packing and every moment must have been needed.

I was glad to meet your sister, Miss Tracy, again, and sorry there was not opportunity to talk over many things of mutual interest.

With kindest regards to Mr Gregory,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Aug. 14, 1925

Banfield-Hullinger Co.
501 Geary St.,SanFrancisco

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed are 16 small film negatives for enlargement to postal size. Of these please make one enlarged print each of the 15 so marked, and 4 enlarged prints of the one in separate small envelope, as indicated.

In returning prints and negatives during the rest of the season please send prints in one mail, and negatives next day, so that in case of loss I may still have something.

A few years ago a considerable number of negatives and prints in same envelope disappeared between San Francisco and Lagunitas and were never heard from. Most of them were Indians of disappearing tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 14,1925

Mrs Elizabeth B. Snell
Appointment Secretary
Stanford University

My dear Mrs Snell:

I am in search of a competent Secretary-stenographer. Have you anyone to recommend?

My work is mainly in anthropology and general natural history, so that a person with leanings in one of these directions would be most likely to succeed. Faithfulness, neatness and a well developed sense of order are among the desiderata.

If you have a good girl to recommend, I shall appreciate the favor if you will kindly put me in touch with her.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

August 20,1925

Dear Doctor Jordan:

Enclosed is a small contribution($10) to the Scopes Fund which you have been so good as to help along.

I have been in the field working with various tribes of California Indians, and am setting out again this afternoon--this time to the northeastern corner of the state.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr David Starr Jordan
Stanford University

Sept. 3, 1925

Miss Elizabeth B. Snell
Appointment Secretary A
Stanford University

My dear Miss Snell:

Thanks for your letter of August 31 enclosing copies of letters recommending Miss Margaret "Carvell"--I understood her to say **Cavell**. I am returning the letters herewith.

She seems to have most desirable qualities--qualities that may in large measure make up for inexperience in the lines of work in which I am engaged. At all events I am glad to give her a trial and have faith that she will work into my needs. She is coming for a preliminary trial this week-end.

I thank you for your prompt and kindly offices in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 4, 1925

Mr N.W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Dorsey:

Herewith is my expense account for August, amounting to $290.81--a most unusual amount owing to the great distances covered (a thousand miles the last trip), and to the fact that many nights and most meals were at hotels and road houses, to save the time required for camping and cooking.

During the last trip we drove our car over the Sierra Nevada twice, traversed the barren deserts east of the main divide, visited the Northern Piute at Old Fort Bidwell in the north end of Surprise Valley close to the cornerstone where Oregon, Nevada and California meet, had many hot and two cold days, with rain and snow in the mountains and ice ¼ inch thick on our camp wash basin one morning, and obtained material from nine tribes of Indians. Earlier in the month I had worked with five other tribes.

I am pushing the final map work as hard and fast as I can, feeling that I must publish this winter my large scale colored maps of the Northern California tribes. While in the main this consists in filling weak spots here and there, every now and then I still run across previously unknown tribes and also isolated survivors of tribes long believed to be extinct.

Car expenses are getting heavy--as always the case with old cars worn out on bad roads.

Am enclosing vouchers for Zenaida Merrian, asst., for $74; and E.J.Davis $20 for Bear skin and skull (young) from Oregon.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

C.Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin Co., California.

Expense Account for August 1925

August 1	Ukiah: Palace Hotel (room)	1	2.50
	10 gal. gas 2.25 ; Car storage .50		2.75
	Hopland: Indians, Dan Scott 2.00; old woman .50		2.50
	Meals 2.25; Fig bars for Indian children .75		3.00
2	Hopland: Pomo Inn (room)	2	1.50
	Car storage .50; Gears .50; Meals 2.50		3.50
	Indians, Tom Conner 2.00; wife 1.00; Dan Scott 3.00 Bill Dock 1.00; wife 1.00		8.00
3	Santa Rosa: Occidental Hotel (room)	3	2.50
	Meals 2.25; Petaluma: 10 gal. gas @ 20½ 2.05		4.30
	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau: Clippings for July	4	3.00
5-6	RT San Rafael-San Francisco,60; Meals 2 days 4.00		4.60
	San Francisco: State Hotel (room)	5	2.00
6	San Rafael: Car: Oil wash, grease & labor	6	7.90
9	Healdsburg: Plaza Hotel (room)	7	2.00
	Car storage .50; 10 gal gas @ 20 2.00		2.50
	Meals 1½ days 3.00; Fig bars for Indian children50		3.50
	Indians, H. Maximilian 2.00; wife 1.00		3.00
	Mehin Kownah Indians 2 1 & 1		4.00
11-12	RT San Rafael-San Francisco		.60
	San Francisco: State Hotel (room)	8	2.15
	Writing pads .50; Street cars .45; Meals 1½days 4.		4.95
12	Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co.; 1pt. Flo Gum 1.05		
	Eraser .05; 500 sheets bond paper 1.75	9	2.85
	San Rafael: Repairs to car 2.85; 8 gal gas @.20 1.60		4.45
13	Thornbury: Humboldt County and the Redwoods (book)		5.00
15	Santa Rosa: 10 gal gas @.20½		2.05
	Healdsburg Indian, H. Maximilian		2.00
16	Plaza Hotel (room)	10	2.00
	Car storage .50; Meals 2 days 4.00		4.50
	Hopland Indians, Dan Scott2.00; Conner 1.00; woman.50		3.50
	Petaluma: 8 gal gas @ 20½		1.64
17	San Rafael: Fender & buffer straightened 1.15; tube cap .50		2.25
19	RT Lagunitas- San Francisco (Assistant, Z. Merriam)		
	Stage .30; RT Fairfax-San Fran. .70; St.car fares .20		1.20
20	San Rafael: Barr's Vulcanizing Works: new tire & tube	11	30.00
TRIP TO NE CORNER CALIFORNIA, AUG.20-30 INCLUSIVE			
21	Vacaville Inn (rooms)	12	5.00
	Car work 1.25; oil.90; storage .50; 12 gal gas 2.46		5.11
	Chico: 8 gal gas @ 21½		1.72
22	Westwood: 8 gal gas @ 25		2.00
	Lake Almanor Indians		3.00
23	Susanville: Hotel St. Francis (2 rooms)	13	3.00
	Lassen Auto Co.: Storage .50; oil& labor 2.40 4 gal gas @ 27, 1.08	14	3.98
	Likely Indian Reservation: Indians		3.00
24	Indians		3.25
25	Alturas: Hotel Niles (rooms)	15	4.00
	Car storage .50; 8 gal gas(@ 30)2.40; 4rolls films1.		3.90
	Fort Bidwell: Piute Indians [several months together]		5.00

26	Fort Bidwell: William's Hotel (rooms)	16	2.00
	Car storage		.50
	Cedarville: Indians 3.00; phone to Alturas .25		3.25
27	Alturas: Hotel Niles (rooms)	17	4.00
	Car storage .50; 8 gal gas (@.30) 2.40		2.90
	Hot Spring Val. Indian, Sam Spring		4.00
28	Adin: Hotel Adin (rooms)	18	2.50
	Car storage		.50
29	Redding : Golden Eagle Hotel (rooms 5.00, phone .15)	19	5.15
	Hersey's Garage: storage, oil & labor 3.65; 12 gal gas (@23) 2.76		6.41
	Ono: Old Indian woman, Julia Range	20	3.00
30	Corning: Liersch House (rooms)	21	4.00
	Car storage .50; tire & brake labor .75		1.25
	Woodland: 11 gal gas (@20½) 2.25; Oil 1.00		3.25
20-30	(inclusive) Meals(mainly hotel & restaurant) self & assistant 11 days @ 1.75 each		38.50
31	Phones, Lagunitas to Stanford Univ. .40		
	" to San Francisco (2 @20) .40		.80
	Stampt envelopes & postage, August		1.60
	Banfield-Hullinger Co., Photographic work for August	22	9.65
Aug. 19:	Delayed receipt(Paid Aug.20) Fairfax Garage: Overhauling car, resetting spring (blacksmith job), changing engine oil, greasing, alemiting, &c	23	22.40
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C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Mr. E. J. Davis
Paisley, Oregon

Dear Sir:

On returning from a recent field trip I find your letter of August 23 and the skin of the cub bear awaiting attention.

I don't like the tone of your letter, as it implies on my part either ignorance or intent to deceive.

If you knew more about bears you would know that in many parts of the United States young black bears, the first year or two, are grayish brown, varying to chesnut brown, finally, with a renewal of the pelage, changing to black. And anyone at all familiar with the development of mammals can tell at a glance at the skull or skeleton whether the animal is young, middle aged, or old; and the teeth tell the same story.

I did not say that the cub was a black bear but that "if it is in any way different from a black bear it will take the skull of a fully adult animal to show any differences". It is possible that an adult specimen would show differences, but they are not apparent in the cub. For some years past I have been hoping to get hold of the skull of an adult animal but thus far without success.

I have sent the disbursing officer of the Smithsonian Institution a voucher for Twenty Dollars for this specimen, a check for which should be mailed to you in about ten days.

C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Thanks for the suggestion about Krameria. But I am familiar with the Krameria, which is very abundant in part of Arizona. It doesn't fit.

However I still hope to atone for my carelessness in not taking care of the specimen I chucked into the car, and hope to get another during the next few weeks.

Thanking you for your trouble,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California

September 5, 1925

Dear A. K. :

On returning from a field trip of a thousand miles to the old Fort Bidwell region in the northeastern corner of California I find your letters of August 17 and 21 for which I am obliged.

The news of Sage's death is a severe shock. You had known him for forty-two years, I for fifty years. He was a good man and a true friend as well as an absolutely reliable local ornithologist.

We shall look forward to a visit from you in October.

With love from us all,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. A. K. Fisher
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

September 5, 1925

Secretary Science League of America
830 Market Street
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

Please send me a Dollar's worth of Dr. Maynard Shipley's little blue book 851, Sources of Bible Myths and Legends-- an admirable summary which I want to send to a number of friends.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

(Check enclosed.)

September 5, 1925

Professor D. L. Thornbury
1706 Broadway
Oakland, California

My dear Professor Thornbury:

Thanks for your letter of August 30. I am glad to know that you are at work on another book and that the outlook for the Northern University seems satisfactory.

Replying to your question as to where my publications on indians were published, would say that most of my printed writings on this subject were printed in the technical journals on anthropology and are practically unobtainable. The only formal book I have published is entitled The Dawn of the World: Weird Myths of the Mewan Indians of California, published by the Arthur H. Clark Company of Cleveland, Ohio, 1910.

With best wishes to yourself and family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Returning from a recent thousand mile trip to the Fort Bidwell region in the corner where Oregon, California, and Nevada meet, we were very glad to have Vernon's letter from Bar Harbor dated August 15. In the course of our trip we crossed the Sierra twice and worked with nine tribes of Indians. The trip was a great success as I obtained the needed details for the correction and amplification of my maps of tribal distribution in this part of the state.

Vernon's account of his beaver work in Pennsylvania is most interesting and the outlook certainly encouraging.

But I find it impossible to recover from the feeling that you have become something of a fanatic in the matter of traps. The recent outcry against the good old steel trap is a good deal like the pious woman's protest against guns and the killing of wild animals generally and strikes me as a bit of extreme fanaticism of only a little different brand from the dreadful utterings of the Hornaday school of game protectionists.

It seems amazing that you had so much trouble in getting muskrats in the Louisiana marshes. Apparently you didn't offer the natives enough money to pay them for the trouble of bringing you live rats.

It is a fine thing that you two overworked and tired out old folks were able to get away into an invigorating northern climate. It will help you to weather the coming winter.

And it is mighty fine that you were able to see those gulls drop the clams on the rocks so that they could get at the meat! Henshaw was the first to record this sort of thing for the Fish Crows of the Puget Sound region.

Very glad your finger is coming out all right, but you will have to exercise it and push the joints a little with the other hand day after day for a long period in order to recover the normal use.

You have laid out a pretty long program for the balance of the season, more I fear than you can do before snowfall. You had better cut out some of it but not the visit to the Falls. You both should make this if only for a few days.

With love to you both,

Bar Harbor As ever, Hc

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September 5, 1925

Dear Seton:

Returning from a field trip of 1,000 miles to the old Fort Bidwell region of northeastern California, in the course of which I worked with nine tribes of Indians, I find your letter of the 7th instant asking me for exact data concerning certain observations on Mink which I made in the Adirondack region half a century ago. As to these details, I regret to say my memory is a blank.

You say that I have probably received Volume I of your book. No, I have not received it nor have I seen it. Where was it sent? I have been in California since the middle of May and my Washington house is closed and locked up; so it would be interesting to know what has become of it.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Ernest Thompson Seton
Greenwich, Conn.

September 5, 1925

Forest Ranger William H. Spargo
Winthrop, California

My dear Sir:

The Wintoon Indians of McCloud River, and some of the Pit River tribes, tell me that in the early days another tribe, wholly different from the Wintoon, inhabited the mountains from Mount Shasta and Black Fox Mountain south to the neighborhood of Dunsmuir, on Sacramento River, and Country Club, on McCloud River.

I have never been able to find any Indians of this tribe, but have been told recently that two or three survivors still exist. It is said that two old sisters (one named Lottie) still live in the neighborhood of Dana, or perhaps between Dana and Bartle.

One of the last headquarters of the tribe was said to be on Squaw Creek.

I am very anxious to connect with these people and would be most thankful if you could tell me where any of them live. An early reply will greatly oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Postmaster
Dana, California

My dear Sir:

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C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Forest Ranger A. W. Bramhall
Adin, California

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Yours very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

September 5, 1925

Mr. Reuben P. Box
Hat Creek Forest Ranger
Shasta County, California

Dear Sir:

The Wintoon Indians of McCloud River, and some of the Pit River tribes, tell me that in the early days another tribe, wholly different from the Wintoon, inhabited the mountains from the neighborhood of Dunsmuir, on the Sacramento River, and Country Club, on the McCloud River, to Mt. Shasta and Black Fox Mountain.

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Yours very truly,

September 6, 1925

My dear Mrs. Campbell:

During my brief stop at the Montgomery Creek meeting, a week or so ago, you were kind enough to tell me that two women of the Wi'-bos tribe are still living, and that they are sisters, one of whom is named Lottie.

You were told by one of the old Indians that they lived somewhere near a place the name of which seemed to be Dennyville. I don't find any place of that name,but there is a place called Denny in the Salmon River Mountains of Trinity County above the headwaters of New River. This is a long way off and seems to be in the wrong direction. For this reason, I think it probably that the place where they live is Dana (or Danaville), in the upper part of Hall River valley.

I am so anxious to get hold of these people, or someone who speaks their language, that I am taking the liberty to ask your assistance in trying to locate them more definitely. If it turns out that they are in the neighborhood of Dana I will drop everything else and go there at once. I shall greatly appreciate your kind assistance in the matter.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Mrs. Campbell
Baird, Shasta County
California

September 6, 1925

Agent
Standard Oil Company
Point Reyes, California

Dear Sir:

My kerosene tank is nearly empty and I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly fill it the next time you are in the Lagunitas region.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 13, 1925

Dear Dr. Stephens:

It is with the deepest disappointment that I am forced to decline the most alluring invitation from the Stephens family to meet the Bailey Willis family at your hospitable home and to spend the night with you on Wednesday.

But I am sure that you realize the necessity for the completion and publication during the coming winter of my maps showing the distribution of Indian tribes in northern California, and that you realize also the urgent importance of finishing the necessary field work before the fall rains set in.

Many important additions and corrections have been made during the past three months but enough others remain to make me a little nervous as to the possibility of finishing the job before we go east. It must be finished, however, and therefore the work must be pushed regardless of more agreeable but less pressing objects.

When this is done it will give me great joy to go to Alameda to see you.

A year or two ago you asked me to write something

for a Boy Scouts' publication. Inclosed is a brief note which you are welcome to send to the proper journal if you think it of sufficient interest.

With love to you all,

Very truly yours,

Inc.

BRAVERY OF A CALIFORNIA INDIAN WOMAN
IN A NIGHT ATTACK ON SCREAMING MOUNTAIN LIONS

Elsie Luckie, a Norrelmuk Indian woman of Hay Fork in northern California, has been for years employed, during the dry summer season, by the Government Forest Service as Fire Lookout on Bally Mountain -- a lofty and remote station, accessible only by trail, overlooking the extensive forests of that part of the State.

One night, apparently in October, 1923, when asleep in her lonely cabin on the mountain top, she was suddenly awakened by what she describes as a "most unearthly noise, as if a dozen demons were on the roof, each trying to outdo the other in fiendish screams."

Instead of barricading the door, she seized her 30-30 rifle and flashlight and stepped far enough outside to gain a view of the roof, where she saw two big cougars. Dropping quietly to the ground and lying on her back, while keeping the light on the animals without for an instant allowing it to wander, she was able by raising her knees, to manipulate her rifle. She fired twice in rapid succession, killing the first beast outright and mortally wounding the second, which fell back, crashing into the brush on the far side of the cabin.

Going out early next morning she found both animals dead-- one shot through the chest, and the other through the head.

September 13, 1925

Dear Collins:

Thanks for your letter of the first instant which arrived about the time of our return from a thousand mile auto trip to the northeastern corner of California. We had not heard from any of our Lyons Falls relatives for a long time and appreciate the news.

It was a lovely thing that Lyman was able to go all the way across the mountains to Plattsburg in his car to meet Florence and Vernon and bring them back to you for a little visit, and it must have done both sides of the family a world of good to be together for a few days at your beautiful home.

Zenaida and I expect to start early tomorrow morning on a trip over the mountains to the northwest in order to get material from two or three Indian tribes on the coast. My maps are rapidly approaching completion and it is necessary to push the work to the end before the impending fall rains arrive. We have already had one or two rains but they were not of long duration.

A few days ago I sent you a little pamphlet which gives in compact form the principal results of a study of ancient religions--a study in which I spent several months a few years ago.

With best wishes and love to all,

As ever,

Hart

September 13, 1925

Mr. Tracy I. Storer
Museum Comparative Zoology
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Storer:

A few days ago on returning from a field trip to the old Fort Bidwell region in the northeastern corner of the state I saw a brief notice of your Synopsis of the Amphibia of California, whereupon I immediately wrote the University Press for a copy and it has just arrived.

While I have only had time to look it over hastily I appreciate its great value to students of our vertebrate fauna and wish to congratulate you on being the author of so useful a contribution.

For many years it has been obvious that the most needed work on any group of vertebrates in the far West was one on the Amphibia. The lack of such a work has in many cases made it impracticable for most of us to identify certain specimens.

Your work, with its full descriptions and detailed records of distribution, not only supplies this need but also will stand for years to come as a model for this kind of work.

I did not know until a few days ago that you were engaged in the preparation of such a work and wish to say

that it is so helpful to me personally that I shall keep one copy here at Lagunitas and another in my office at Washington so that it may be at hand always.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 12, 1925

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville
British Columbia

My dear Mr. Cochran:

Pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of June 6th. I have been engaged in field work among the Indians of the northeast and northwest parts of the state.

Here at Lagunitas I have no copy of my technical work on the big bears but I have made a memorandum to send you a copy on my return to Washington in November.

If you have learned anything of interest or had any bear experiences this year I shall be glad to hear from you.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Laurence M. Huey
Natural History Museum
San Diego, California

My dear Mr. Huey:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of July 10th. I have been actively engaged in field work among the various tribes of Indians in the northern half of the state, by reason of which my correspondence has been badly neglected. Returned a few days ago from an auto trip of a thousand miles to the extreme northeastern corner of the state in the old Fort Bidwell region.

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Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Herewith I am shipping to the Biological Survey by express the skin and skull of a socalled Lavabed Bear killed six miles west of Silver Lake, Oregon, last year. I will furnish the exact date later.

Kindly have the skin properly (and rather flatly) made up, and both skin and skull entered in the National Museum Catalogue, Biological Survey Collection.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Telegram

San Rafael, Calif. Sept. 18, 1925

Secretary Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D.C

Please send me at Lagunitas Kroeber's book California Indians just published by the Smithsonian.

C. Hart Merriam

19 September, 1925

Mr. Sanford H. E. Freund
Secretary Bondholders' Protective Committee
55 Wall Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 9th inst. giving me until the 15th inst. as the limit of time for depositing bonds of the C.M. & St. Paul Ry. Co., reached me yesterday, three days after time limit. It would seem that scant notice was given.

On consulting my financial memorandum I find that I am owner of one $1000 bond, 4s of 1989, which issue does not appear to be among those listed in your letter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

September 19, 1925

Mr. W. L. Jones
Assistant Controller
Potomac Electric Power Company
14th and East Capitol Streets
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of September 4 with reference to my Application for Refund, would say that I expect to remain in California until late in October and therefore I am unable to furnish any more information than that contained in my statement to which you refer.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 20, 1925

Gabriel Snubber Station
1452 Bush St., San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Have you any adjusting station on the north side of the bay--at San Rafael, San Anselmo, or any place in this general region?

You put a set of snubbers on my Chevrolet Baby-grand five years ago. Now, evidently, they need readjustment, as the car rides so hard that one dreads to ride in it, particularly on the hind seat where the jarring is most intense.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 20, 1925

Mr. Maynard Shipley
President Science League of America
830 Market Street, San Francisco

My dear Mr. Shipley:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me additional copies of your admirable pamphlet "Bible Myths and Legends". I have already distributed a number of copies and shall send these out in the near future.

In the list of names of your Honorary Advisory Board I notice with regret that I am entered as from the "Harriman Institute". There is no such institute. I am Research Associate of the Smithsonian Institution in Zoology and Anthropology, working under a fund contributed by Mrs. E. H. Harriman in carrying out the wishes of her husband. This, of course, does not need to be stated in print.

With best wishes for the success of the battle against ignorance and superstition,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 20, 1925

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Thanks for your letter of the 17th instant just received. But you were misinformed as to the hour of our arrival at Lagunitas. We reached San Rafael at 4.30, at which hour Z phoned to your house and got Elizabeth. Z then did our marketing and we drove home, arriving at 6 o'clock. Had we arrived at 4 we should have made a big effort to join your party, although we both were very tired.

Our trip to Fort Bragg was a failure. The Indian at Boonville whom we had been told was a fullblood native of that place turned out to be a fullblood native of Ukiah Valley! And when we reached Fort Bragg we found no Indians there but were told that two or three families lived at the mouth of the Noyo; so we immediately betook ourselves thither and found several padlocked houses on the beach. We were told by an old Chinaman, a middle aged white man, and the neighboring storekeeper that all the Noyo Indians had gone to Russian River to pick prunes. So we returned to Mountain House and drove north on the east side of Russian River to the Indian settlement, arriving just at dark. Here we were given the name and location of a ranch on which a Fort Bragg Indian was picking prunes. We hunted him up the same night and arranged for work the next day, returning in the early morning

September 20, 1925

Mr. Tracy I. Storer
University Farm
Davis, California

Dear Mr. Storer:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th instant which I found on returning from a recent trip to Fort Bragg. I note your change of location and trust that your new field is of interest to you as well as of advantage to others.

I am obliged for your offer of another copy of your most useful book on the Amphibia. I should be very glad to have it if this means no cost to you. Otherwise I will secure it from the University Press.

We expect to remain at Lagunitas until late in October and should be delighted to see you if you find it convenient to come; but if you come be sure to let me know some days in advance as I am away in the field most of the time and home only between trips.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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in the rain. After finishing with him we drove back to Healdsburg where in the willows bordering Russian River we found the antiquated wife of the old Indian we were looking for. She promised to tell him whom we wanted to see and agreed to have the information on our return--which is likely to be very soon.

Have you ever been to Fort Bragg? If not, I would recommend the trip. The road from Mountain House is fair-to-good all the way, without a single grade worth mentioning. The old road from Navarro to the coast went over a big mountain but the new road, an actual highway grade, follows the river without going over any elevation at all. The scenery is attractive all the way, the greater part in open oak and madrone country with yellow grass slopes and ridges to the north, forests to the south. At Navarro the road enters second growth Redwood forest which it follows to the coast. The coast is bold, but the headlands are not high. It is cut by deep precipitous fiords and the oceanfront is dotted with rocky islets. The trip is well worth taking and I am sure that you and your family would enjoy it. You doubtless would make the run to Fort Bragg in one day, returning the next.

The glowing accounts Elizabeth gives of the festivities at your house make us more sorry than ever that we were not with you.

With love from us all,

As ever,

Sept. 20, 1925

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

Dear Mr. Knight:

It is mighty handy to have someone to go to when you are in a hurry to find out something. And I certainly hit the right nail on the head when I went to you for information as to the whereabouts of certain Indians.

Now there are two more things of the same kind that I want to know about. Perhaps you can tell me. The first is: Do you happen to know where any of the Sherwood Indians are picking prunes, in case they are still away from Sherwood? The other is: Do you know where the Kahto Indians are at work? I want to see old Bill May.

Some of these days when I can let up on running around I am going to see you and Mr. Benson, as there are several questions which each of you can answer. Maybe you will be far enough along with your own work to come down here.

With best wishes to you all,

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C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 28, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

My dear Mr. Dorsey:

Please pardon my oversight in not signing that last voucher. Evidently I am getting old.

I returned last night from a trip up Russian River and Dry Creek in search of a few survivors of Indian tribes in order to obtain information necessary for the completion of my maps and manuscripts. The Indians are widely scattered just now, this being their harvest season--the only time of year when they can earn enough cash to carry them through the winter. They are picking fruit at the ranches and travel long distances to find work. They have finished the hop picking and the prune picking and are now picking grapes. I learn from other Indians where the different bunches are at work and in that way find them with as little delay as possible.

You may be interested in a little incident that occurred no later than yesterday. I drove up to the very top of a mountain over a distressingly narrow and sidling road where a slip of a few inches would have precipitated the car into the canyon below. On arriving at the top I found the man I was in search of, one of two or three who still speak the language of their tribe. He was very polite and brought a chair for me and worked with me freely for about three hours, his old wife sitting beside him on the ground

part of the time but going into the house at intervals. Finally I heard sobbing and crying in the house, whereupon the old Indian told me that his grandaughter--a girl of seventeen--had died at midnight the previous night and that the women were crying over her dead body. He asked if I would take him to Healdsbury so he could buy a coffin. This I did immediately. On the way he told me that the girl had gone through the grammar school and was in the high school when she became too sick to go. She had stood high in her classes and was well liked by her teachers. She had died of tuberculosis, a usual result of insufficient nourishment.

I once had a similar experience in extreme southern California near the Mexican border, when an old Indian with whom I had been working for some hours told me that he must go to bury his boy who had died the day previous.

These two cases illustrate a prominent feature of Indian character, for when working with people whom they know to be friends they strive in every way to do what is wanted, even under most pressing and distressing conditions.

Our old car has reached the stage when it is no longer profitable to operate it. Something happens nearly every trip, causing not only expense but hours of delay at garages, and many times there is no garage near. I lost more than half a day during the trip from which I returned last night, and today my daughter has again taken the car to San Rafael for repairs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 28, 1925

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat, Alaska

My dear Sir:

Your letter of August 1, forwarded from the Biological Survey, has just reached me; and in the same mail a letter from the Biological Survey acknowledging receipt in good condition of the skull of an adult Grizzly and of two Black Bear cubs. I shall be glad to examine them on my return to Washington and will make out a voucher for whatever they appear to be worth.

Replying to your question, would say that the experience of many hunters shows that Grizzlys usually make a meal out of their kill at once and then bury it to return later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

28 Sept., 1925

Mr. C. W. Hill
Dana
Shasta County, California

Dear Sir:

You have been mentioned to me by the Forest Service as likely to know the whereabouts of one or two alleged survivors of the Indian tribe formerly living on the upper reaches of McCloud River and on Squaw Creek and said to extend thence easterly to the neighborhood of Bartles.

For some years this tribe has been supposed to be extinct but a short time ago I was told by Indians that an old woman named Lottie and her sister are still alive and that they live somewhere in the neighborhood of Dana.

If it is not putting you to too much trouble I should greatly appreciate the favor if you will kindly find out where these old women are, and if possible ascertain where they originally came from. If they were raised on the upper McCloud or anywhere from Squaw Creek to Bartles the chances are that they are members of the tribe I am looking for and I shall be glad to go and see them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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Sept. 28, 1925

Mr. J. H. Hall
Forest Supervisor
Mount Shasta, California

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letters of Sept. 16 and 26 in regard to the whereabouts and possible tribal affinities of the Indian woman Lottie. The Indian John Auble of whom you speak must have been a little mixed in his geography when he said that his people were Pit River Indians and added that: "These Indians years ago lived somewhere in the part of the country around McCloud." No McCloud River Indians are in any way related to the Pit River Indians. Those of the lower McCloud are Wintoon; those of the upper McCloud are the ones I am particularly anxious to get hold of as they were wholly distinct from the Wintoon and are supposed to be related to the Shasta. This is the tribe long believed to be extinct and the one I am hoping to find a survivor or two of.

I am obliged for the clues contained in your letter and will follow them up at once.

Thanking you for your interest and trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Sept. 28, 1925

Dear Doctor Abbot:

Very many thanks for your kindness and promptness in sending me Kroeber's Handbook of California Indians. I found it in the postoffice on my return last night from work with Russian River Indians. I am glad to know also that a copy awaits me on my return to Washington.

In glancing through Kroeber's book last night I saw that it contains a large amount of important material much of which supplements without duplicating my own work. I saw also that it abounds in errors of fact, particularly in relation to distribution of tribes and in recognition and relationships of tribes.

Had supposed that you were in Africa or some other distant country and am glad to know that you are still with us.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. C. G. Abbot
Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution

Sept. 28, 1925

Doctor H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant which awaited my return from a recent field trip.

I am glad to know about the Grizzly skull and the two Black cubs recently received from Twitchell, and I am particularly glad to know that Dr. Theodore Lyman as sent in four Grizzly skins and five skulls. You do not say where these were killed but I assume that they are from Alaska.

On September 13 I shipped the Survey by express the skin and skull of a young so-called Lavabed Bear from the neighborhood of Silver Lake, Oregon, writing the Survey to this effect the same day. Thus far I have received no acknowledgment of its arrival.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

September 28, 1925

Dear Julia:

We have had a very busy and very successful season and expect to stay about a month longer. I am off on trips most of the time, working with Indians and returning between trips long enough to attend to necessary correspondence and have the car tuned up.

You of course know that Vernon and Florence went to Mount Desert and thence to Betty's and thence to the Falls. It is a fine thing that they were able to get this northern outing together and to have a real visit with the folks at the Falls.

Early in the month we had one good rain, something very unusual for California so early in the season.

This afternoon Elizabeth and Zenaida have gone twelve miles to San Rafael to have some work done on the car.

With much love--in which they would join if they were here,

As ever,

Mrs. C. L. Merriam
1008 Washington Street
Watertown, New York

Sept. 29, 1925

Mr. H. S. Roy, Chairman Executive Committee
Marin County Good Roads Association
San Rafael, California

My dear Mr. Roy:

In compliance with your request of the 23rd instant, recently received, I take pleasure in inclosing herewith my check for Five Dollars as a small contribution toward the expenses of your committee.

You and your fellow workers have certainly done a remarkable piece of work and the splendid outcome is a tribute to the success of your campaign.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible] Thurlow

October 1, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my expense account for the month of September, amounting to $196.29, and voucher for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, amounting to $38.00, which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, Marin County, California

Expense account for September, 1925

1925					
Sept.	3	Denny & Co., S.F., maps, Sonoma & Mendocino Counties, $1.00; Healdsburg, .15	1	1	15
		Ten gallons gas @ .20		2	00
		Calif. Auto Assn., dues, maps, & road publications to Sept., 1926	2	12	00
	4	San Raf.: Chevrolet Garage, work on car	3	2	25
		Top mended, $1.50; distilled water, .20		1	70
	5	Allen's Press Clippings for August (Indians)	4	3	00
	8	San Raf.: Sparrow Bros.: repairing auto head lights		1	10
		Bayview Auto Factory: relining service brakes, $11.75 welding bumper, $2.50; cleaning car, $3.00	5	17	25
	11	San Raf.: Bianco Repair Shop, relining emergency brakes	6	7	75
		Return, San Raf.-San Fran. .60; street cars .30; meals $1.50		2	40
		Five gallons gas $1.00; 1 gallon mobile oil $1.40		2	40
		Repairs to auto pack and top		2	50
	14	Santa Rosa: Central Garage, work on car	7	2	25
		Eleven gallons gas @ .20½		2	26
		Cloverdale: changing engine oil		2	10
		Boonville: paid Indian, Bill Ball		1	00
	15	Navarro Hotel: two rooms, self and asst.		1	50
		Fort Bragg: 10 gallons gas @ .25		2	50
	16	Ukiah: Palace Hotel, two rooms, self and asst.	8	3	00
		Garage, car overnight			50
		Fig bars for Indian children			80
Sept.	16	Ukiah: Paid Indians, Jim Cooper and wife		2	00
		Healdsburg: 10 gallons gas @ .21		2	10
	14-16	Meals, self and asst. (@ $1.50 each) three days		9	00
	18	Telegram to Smithsonian		1	45
	21	San Raf.: Chevrolet Garage, alemiting car & work on clutch	9	4	90
	22	University of California, Synopsis of Amphibia	10	4	59
	23	Point Reyes: 12 gallons gas @ .20		2	40
	24	San Raf.- San Fran., return, .60			60
		Street cars .30; meals $1.50		1	80
		Six gallons gas, San Raf., @ .20		1	20
		Changing engine oil & flushing, Marin station		1	75
	26	Santa Rosa: Grand Garage, labor & parts	11	4	90
		Paid Dry Creek Indians		1	00
		Meals		1	75
	27	Healdsburg: Plaza Hotel, room	12	2	00
		Geyserville Reservation: paid Indian Ela and wife		4	00
		Healdsburg: car overnight			50
		Petaluma: 12 gallons gas @ .20½		2	46
	28	San Raf.: Sparrow Bros., parts & labor (ignition)	13	1	60
		Smith & Shean, two snubber straps and labor	14	5	90
	30	Banfield-Hullinger Co., San Fran., photo.work Sept.	15	29	13
		Game Breeder to October 1926		2	00
	30	Margaret G. Carvell, 8 day's services as stenog. (Sept. 5,6,7,13,20,28,29,30) $32.00; notebook .40; 4 ref. fares @ $1.00, $4.00, San Fran.-Lag. (Sept. 5,13,20,27)	16	36	40
		Stamped envelops & postage for Sept.		1	45
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October 1, 1925

Banfield-Hullinger Co.
501-503 Geary Street
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Inclosed is the negative I spoke to Mr. Banfield about yesterday. I shall be obliged if you will remove the thumb mark and send me four prints of the usual size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 8 1925

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Z and I have just returned from another trip into the deserts of north-eastern California.

In Hot Springs Valley a few miles east of Canby I collected the accompanying specimens of the bush I told you about. The leaves certainly suggest those of Lycium cooperi as I remember it, but the bush I had in mind, the name of which I could not recall, is Fera-phyllum ramosissimum. I shall be glad to know for sure what it is.

We found the Indians we were looking for and had a most successful trip though cut short by heavy rains which drove us out of the high country.

I am starting for the Dunsmuir country this evening but expect to be back in a few days.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco

Oct. 8 1925

Mr. Davis Mike
Dana, California

Dear Sir:

I was at your place on Saturday. The next day (Sunday) I went to Big Valley to see Lottie. I had expected to spend Monday with you and Rosa but the heavy rain of Sunday night and Monday drove us home. I cannot go up your way again this fall but hope to see you again in the spring.

With kind regards to Rosa and all of your own family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 8, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

My daughter and I are now returned from an auto trip of 821 miles to northeastern California where we had the good fortune to locate two very old Indian women, sisters, belonging to a tribe said to have been extinct for many years. Got very important material and would have more but for the fact that heavy rains drove us out. We were on the east side of the northern Sierra and had to pass over a ridge of 4225 feet altitude before descending the west slope. The roads, of course, were muddy and slippery and becoming more so every hour. But we drove two days in the rain without accident.

Tomorrow I am starting for the south base of Mount Shasta where, according to other Indians, there is still hope of finding one or two old men who belong to this supposedly extinct tribe.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California
October 9 1925

Dear Florence and Vernon:

Z and I returned the night of October 6 after driving 350 miles in the rain. During the week we had covered 821 miles.

We succeeded in finding two old Indian women, sisters, belonging to a tribe of which next to nothing is known and which was reported by Dixon as extinct many years ago.

This afternoon I expect to start for the Dunsmuir region near the south base of Mount Shasta, but, owing to the danger of rain, I am going by train.

Vernon's letter of October 3 from Winona has just come to hand. It is splendid that he has finished his season's work and has succeeded so well. I'd give several pairs of boots if I had finished mine and could start back.

Too much to do to write more now as I have not yet finished writing up notes from last trip.

With love to all, not forgetting a good share for Floddie.

As ever,
Hart

Oct. 12 1925

Dr. Witmer Stone
Academy Natural Sciences
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Doctor Stone:

Returning yesterday from a field trip in the Mount Shasta region I found your letter of the 6th instant in regard to John Sage.

When in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale I learned that two bankers at Portland, Connecticut, were actively interested in ornithology and that their names were John H. Sage and W. W. Coe. So I made a trip to Portland to see them. This I think was in 1874--certainly no later than 1875; which would make it fifty or fifty-one years ago.

Visiting the bank I found that Coe was president, Sage cashier, of the same bank. They took me to their houses, showed me their collections, and in every way received me with the utmost kindness. Not only this, but they volunteered to turn over their notes to me to be incorporated in my work on the birds of Connecticut which I had already begun and which, as you know, was published in 1877.

Sage had a large local collection of birds which he had himself mounted, and it might be added that they were mounted exceptionally well.

Later, they both visited me at New Haven and I visited them repeatedly at Portland. They turned over to me the original of their bird notes, written in large folio business ledgers.

Both men had a keen sense of humor and Coe's notes were sometimes illustrated by rough caricatures in the margin. Once, when I had planned a weekend trip with Sage, Coe went to Stonington and thence to Falkner Island to see Captain Brooks, the light house keeper, who had himself collected and mounted a number of birds, including some of the rarer species. When Coe left Stonington he wrote a telegram and left it with the operator to be sent me the next day. It read as follows:

"Coe gone to Falkner Island. Wind gone down. He can't get back." So my trip with Sage was postponed, as the two could not be away from their bank at the same time.

Later, I arranged with Sage for a trip to the island. Coe told us we must not be gone more than one day; so when we left Stonington I sent Coe a telegram identical with his previous one to me , changing Coe's name to that of Sage. He appreciated the joke and made no complaint because we stayed overtime.

As you know, Sage and I were warm personal friends for a full half-century and made many little trips together. He visited me at my father's home in the Adirondack region of northern New York, and accompanied me to Mount Shasta in California when I was engaged in a biological survey of that region. He also went with me to Yosemite.

Sage was not a man of many words but he was a charming

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companion and became mildly enthusiastic whenever he killed or/saw (even) a bird which he had not previously collected. I was often surprised at his eagerness to get hold of such a specimen. Even in his old age he was an ardent collector and had no patience with those who decried the collection of specimens.

Having reached the age when my memory for details fails, me, and being far from my journals and notes, I regret my inability to cite many incidents which you might find of interest.

I have nearly finished a very active and very successful field season and am hoping to return to Washington early in November.

We all remember with much pleasure the visit you and Mrs. Stone made us here at Lagunitas some years ago and hope that it may be repeated.

With kind regards to you both from Mrs. Merriam, Zenaida, and myself,

As ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 12 1925

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Many thanks for your determination of the specimen I sent you of Peraphyllum ramosissimum. It is a great satisfaction to me to know for sure what it is.

I have just now returned from a brief trip to the base of Mount Shasta.

With best wishes,

Hastily yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco

Oct. 12, 1925

Miss Beth Edmondson
1903 15th Street
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Edmondson:

In reply to your letter of the 3rd instant, just received, would say that I usually employ one or two stenographers during the winter in Washington, but that so far as the office of secretary is concerned I have no use whatever for part of the year assistance. It takes a competent educated person several months to become sufficiently familiar with my work to be of much use outside of mere typing, and I am too old to continue breaking in assistants unless they are willing to stay with me for a number of years.

I expect to return to Washington in November.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 15, 1925

Mr. W. S. Shenton
On Hand Clerk
American Railway Express Co.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

A postcard notice from you dated 9/30/25 has been forwarded to me from Washington. This notice I am inclosing herewith and shall be obliged if you will deliver the package in question to my sister, Mrs. Vernon Bailey, 1834 Kalorama Road, as I do not expect to return to Washington until some time in November.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 17 1925

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Referring again to your letter of July 8 in which you inquire whether or not the average California Indian makes use of good agricultural land when the same is furnished him, would say that during my field experience of perhaps thirty-five years with California Indians very few cases have been found where Indians had been furnished with good agricultural land. The vast majority of their homes, as you of course know, are on worthless land, usually in rocky places or on steep slopes in the mountains, and often remote from water with no possibility of irrigation. In a few instances however, in most of which the lands have been purchased by the Indians themselves, the Indians have become fairly capable farmers and horticulturalists. In the case of a number of rancherias visited during the present year, enough vegetables and fruits for the use of the family were cultivated close to the houses, and in some cases the quantities raised were sufficient for marketing. At one little Indian home near Likely, Modoc County, we camped alongside of a cultivated patch in which the following were found growing, and most of them ready for the table: corn, squash, tomatoes, peas, beans, turnips, carrots, beets, radishes, watermelons.

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At the Hopland Reservation the Indians have most creditable vineyards and orchards. I happened to be there one day when two contractors were competing for the purchase of the pears then not yet ready for picking.

Apples and tomatoes are grown at numerous rancherias and homes. A couple of miles north of Sebastopol an Indian named Johnston, from Lower Lake, rents a berry farm and employs other Indians to help in the picking. He is said to be well-to-do, and successful from the business point of view.

There are successful Indian farmers also in the Stony Creek region, in Klamath Valley near Orleans, and in various other places.

And in southern California as you doubtless are well aware many of the Indians cultivate every foot of available land.

A few days ago at Shasta Springs I found a full-blood Indian acting as caretaker of the beautiful grounds and gardens of P.C.Hales of San Francisco. The day I was there he was engaged in building a circular stone wall around a flower bed and was entirely alone on the place.

What Indians need in order to become selfsupporting as farmers is land suitable for agriculture, water enough for irrigation, and in some cases friendly instruction.

Many California Indians raise stock for their own use and for market as you of course know.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Lagunitas, California
October 17 1925

Dear E. W.:

Yours of the 8th instant from Winona arrived a few days ago. Sorry to know that you have had a repitition of your annual attack of Flu bugs and also sorry that you have felt it necessary to continue your journey to such an uncongenial climate as that to be expected at Seattle at this season.

We are hoping, however, that you will pull through according to schedule and that we may see you here in the not distant future. Let me know as early as possible when you are likely to reach San Francisco, as our time is growing short and I still have about four more trips to make.

A. K. was here yesterday, looking well, and ambitious as ever!

I was much interested in your account of the encouraging prospects for the great Mississippi River Preserve.

You are right about the Redwood trip. It is too late to risk it for anyone ona of your susceptible nature.

Parenthetically, I might add the sad information that a week ago I became a recipient of a small group of Flu bugs, as a result of which contemplated field work was knocked in the head and I have been several days at home. I am nearly well now, however, and hope to push one more trip into the background in the immediate future.

With love from us all,

As ever,

E. W. Nelson
Sacramento

Lagunitas, Calif.
October 17 1925

Dear Florence and Vernon:

A few days ago I made a hasty trip to Shasta Springs and to save time took the night train up and the same train back the following night, in the course of which I acquired the first dose of Flu bugs I have had this year. I am nearly well now, however, and hope to make another trip in a few days.

Glad to know that the express package turned out to be Storer's Amphibia. I had supposed it to be something else.

It is fine to know Vernon is in such good condition and that your smoking chimney has come to an end.

Wish my field work were over so we could set a date for the first days with you, to which we all have been looking forward with much satisfaction.

A. K. was here yesterday, looking well and hearty, as usual.

With love from us all,

As ever,

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey
1834 Kalorama Road
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 17 1925

Mr. Stephen R. Capps
U. S. Geological Survey

My dear Mr. Capps:

Your letter of the 8th instant has been forwarded to me from Washington.

I appreciate your kind offices in obtaining skulls of Big Alaska Bears for me and shall be very glad to examine the specimens and pay for them what they are worth on my return to Washington, which probably will be in about a month.

Skulls of female and young Bears are not of much use for the reason that they don't show the full characteristics of the species. Skulls of adult males are always valuable.

Again thanking you for the trouble you have taken in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 17, 1925

Mr. Davis Mike
Dana, Shasta County
California

Dear Sir:

When I left your place I expected to return in a day or two, but the sudden heavy rain drove us out and I shall not be able to see you again until next spring. I wanted to talk with you and Tom Ryan and Charles Green and was disappointed that I could not do so this fall.

By this mail we are sending a small package to Rosa. I was very sorry not to see her again.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 17 1925

Mrs. Lottie O'Neal
Lookout, Modoc County
California

After leaving your place two weeks ago my daughter and i drove home in the rain, taking two days for the trip.

We are now sending you by Parcels Post (addressed to Lookout) a couple of packages containing old clothes and shoes which i hope you will be able to use.

I was very glad to see you and talk with you and hope to go to see you again when I return to California next spring.

We are expecting to go back to Washington before long to spend the winter, and will be in California next spring and summer.

With best wishes for a comfortable winter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 17 1925

Mr. Maynard Shipley
President Science League of America
830 Market St., San Francisco

My dear Mr. Shipley:

Again I am at home for a few days. Thanks for sending me your recent leaflet entitled 'What and Why'. It is to the point and most interesting -- and many of the quoted statements are amazing. I could distribute a few copies to advantage and shall be obliged if you will kindly send me about a dozen.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Oct. 18 1925

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Barrett:

In writing you yesterday I forgot to mention that some fairly good farms are owned and operated by Indians in Fall River Valley and also in Hot Springs or Canby Valley, and others I think on South Fork Pit River.

And my stenographer forgot to cut out a superfluous syllable in the word horticulturist.

Hastily yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Oct. 18, 1925

Mrs. Etta S. Wilson
9077 Clarendon Avenue
Detroit, Michigan

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your letter of the 10th instant urging that the 1926 meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union be held in Detroit is most convincing, and I should be glad to vote for Detroit in case I were able to be present at the next meeting. But I fear I shall not return to Washington until after the meeting is held.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 19 1925

Hirsch & Kaye
239 Grant Avenue
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Inclosed are 17 small film negatives recently developed by you. They are in 5 envelops each of which is labeled for the work desired.

Thirteen of the negatives are to be enlarged to your standard small size (about 6 inches in greatest length). Four negatives are for contact prints as indicated on the envelops.

Three times during the past two or three weeks I have visited your establishment in person and each time have requested the clerk taking the order to send me a bill with each sending of prints, to be followed by the usual statement at end of month. In no case has this request been respected and I have received no bills whatever for the work thus far done.

I shall be obliged further if in all cases of work done for me you will have the prints mailed to me at Lagunitas as soon as ready, to be followed next day by the negatives. In other words, I don't care to risk having the negatives and prints sent in the same mail, having already lost several packages of valuable negatives and prints in transit between San Francisco and Lagunitas.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 19, 1925

Mr. Samuel E. Cassino
Salem, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your undated circular letter has just arrived, stating that a copy of the **Naturalists' Directory** was sent me in August. I assume that it was sent to my Washington address--1919 Sixteenth St.--and that I will find it on my return from California in a month or so. Upon this assumption I am inclosing my check for $2.10 in payment, as per your statement.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 23, 1925

Hon. Charles A. Shurtleff
564 Market Street
San Francisco

Dear Judge Shurtleff:

It gives me great pleasure to accept your kind invitation for luncheon with the Commonwealth Club and Navaho Indians at the Palace Hotel at midday on Friday next, October 30.

As you suggest, I will drop in at your office about 11.45 on that day in order to go with you.

Two or three years ago I attended a luncheon given these Indians in Washington and deem myself fortunate in having another opportunity to see them and hear their story--particularly under such attractive conditions.

With best wishes to Mrs. Shurtleff and yourself in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 23, 1925

Mr. I. C. Steele
Pacific Gas & Electric Co.
245 Market Street
San Francisco

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your drawing #50593 Map of Pit River from Fall River Mills to a little below the junction of Montgomery Creek. This will be of much assistance to me in platting the distribution of the several tribes of Pit River Indians and I greatly appreciate your kindness in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I should be more than pleased to see Mrs. Armer's paintings of mythical subjects and hope before returning to Washington to be able to avail myself of your kind offices in the matter.

It is too bad that we cannot be with you on Friday. But we are hoping that you and Professor Hall and the dear little girl will be able to come to us before we depart for the East. These terminal bits of field work which must be accomplished before the close of the season are very exacting and we are always looking forward to the good times when they will be of the past.

With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Carlotta C. Hall
1615 La Loma Avenue
Berkeley, California

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October 25, 1925

Dear Mrs. Hall:

It is really painful to receive such a tempting invitation which it is impossible to accept. For on Friday next (October 30) I agreed to lunch with the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco to meet the visiting Pueblo Indians.

Zenaida and I have just returned from a trip to the headwaters of Russian, Noyo, and South Fork Eel Rivers, and are starting early in the morning on another trip from which we must be home by Thursday night.

Very many thanks for your kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me Mrs. Armer's paper on sand painting. I was wondering how the paper happened to come to me and am glad to know whom to thank for it

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Oct. 25, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey
Accountant, Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Enclosed is salary voucher for Miss Margaret G. Carvell for services as stenographer, month of October, at $125 per month, as per agreement, which kindly pay from the Harriman fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Lagunitas, California
October 29, 1925

Dear Florence and Vernon:

No news from either of you for some time past.

Zenaida and I returned safely from our Sherwood trip and have since made another trip--to Sacramento, Marysville, the old Hock farm, Nicolaus, and so on, 337 miles. This tims we had double hard luck. Our engine broke down and we had to be hauled 10 miles to the nearest garage, where we were delayed 24 hours. The other bit of bad luck was that the Indians we went to see were no more.

Nevertheless we are most thankful that the burning out of one of the main bearings of our engine took place on a highway where it was possible to obtain assistance. Had it occured in the Sherwood region or in any one of a hundred other places previously visited the car would probably be there yet.

We returned last evening and found a letter from Nelson stating that he may come back with me tomorrow or the next day for a brief look at Lagunitas.

The heat of Sacramento Valley nearly cured my Flu-cold so that I am now out-of-the-woods.

Tomorrow I am to be a guest of Judge Shurtleff at a luncheon given by the Commonwealth Club to the visiting Pueblo Indians.

For some weeks past I have had to go to the city every week or so to take part in a meeting of the Section on Indian Affairs of the Commonwealth Club. This has interfered with my field work, making it necessary to return at specified dates--something I detest. But it is for the good of the cause and I feel that my experience with California Indians was greatly needed.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Bailey
1834 Kalorama Road
Washington, D. C.

Oct. 29, 1925

Mr. Stallo Vinton
Bar Building
37 West 43rd St.
New York City

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the 23rd instant has just reached me. Unfortunately I have no first hand information concerning John Colter and any literature I may have concerning his routes would be in my Washington files and therefore inaccessible at present.

I am glad to know that a work on the explorations of this early hunter and traveler is in preparation.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 29, 1925

Mr. F. E. Garlough
Box 211 P.O. Bldg.
Berkeley, California

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your promptness in sending me, by request of Dr. A. K. Fisher, some rodent poison. It has just arrived and will be tried in the near future.

Appreciating your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Oct. 29, 1925

Mr. G. L. Nicolson
Box 3613 Georgetown Station
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your circular letter of the 19th instant making an urgent call for additional funds to cover current expenses in connection with the case of the Telegraphone Finance Committee has just reached me. In compliance with your request I am herewith inclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank for $10.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 2, 1925

A. N. Marquis & Co.
440 Dearborn St., South
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your communication just forwarded from Washington would say that in the absence of my files I am unable to add the titles of publications issued since 19[illegible]. But if you deem this important I can forward additional titles after my return to Washington in two or three weeks.

My check for $7.50 in payment for the 19[illegible]-27 edition of Who's Who is inclosed herewith, the book to be sent to my Washington address : 1919 Sixteenth St., as indicated.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 2, 1925

Mr. George W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

At my request the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco has just sent you by insured registered mail

$1000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co. 6%
1941 No. M. 3331

belonging to me and which I shall be obliged if you will kindly hold until my return to Washington in two or three weeks.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 2, 1925

Professor J. McKeen Cattell
The Scientific Monthly
New York City

Dear Professor Cattell:

Replying to your letter of October 17 would say that I have no photographs of myself here in California but think I can dig up one to send you on my return to Washington in a few weeks.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 3, 1925

Schwabacher-Frey Stationery Co.
609 Market St., San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Kindly send me as soon as possible 1000 sheets like the enclosed sample, matching it exactly in size and as nearly in color and quality as possible.

Very truly yours,

Chas. J. Harrison

Nov. 9, 1925

Mr. Geo. W. White, President
National Metropolitan Bank
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Herewith is my check on the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco for $500, which kindly credit to my account.

We hope to start back for Washington in about ten days.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 9, 1925

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope, Saskatchewan
Canada

Dear Mr. Pittman:

Your letter of October 20, enclosing 7 prints of small mammals, has been forwarded to me. I have retained 3 -- one each of the Chipmunk, Weasel, and Red-backed Mouse -- and am returning the remaining 4 herewith, along with my check for $6 in payment for the 3 retained.

Complying with your request for their names would say: the Red-back mouse is Evotomys gapperi; the Long-tail weasel, Putorius longicauda. The Chipmunk cannot be identified by the photograph alone but belongs to the genus Eutamias.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 11, 1925

Mr. Max Rosenberg (Treas. Indian Defense Assn.)
334 California St.
San Francisco

My dear Sir:

At the close of the meeting with Pueblo Indians at William Kent's home on Sunday a number of persons present put down on slips of paper the amount which each offered to contribute for the benefit of the Pueblo cause. I entered $5, my check for which is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,
C. Mark Thurman

Nov. 13, 1925

Gabriel Moulin, Photographer
153 Kearny St.
San Francisco

Dear Sir:

About a week ago I left at your studio a roll of small films for development and printing, and 3 or 4 small negatives for enlargement. Thus far they have not been heard from and I am writing to enquire if they were sent.

Very truly yours,
E. Curtis Illman

Lagunitas, California
November 13, 1925

Dear Doctor Stephens:

Very many thanks for your generous check of $20 with which to purchase food for needy Indians during the coming winter. This will do much good and I will report later as to what was done with it.

It goes without saying that we all enjoyed our visit with you--as we always do. We wish we did not live so far apart.

The Pueblo Indian affair at Kent's was much more interesting than I had expected. John Collier made an excellent and telling presentation of their case and they gave at least 2 dances which I had not seen before.

I shall long remember the visit to your wonderful hospital. Having had several experiences in what are generally considered high class hospitals, I was not prepared for the almost unbelievable beauty, comfort, and surpassing equipment of your institution.

Harvey Hall and wife and little daughter, Martha, were with us yesterday. The forenoon was beautifully clear but in the late afternoon they had to drive back to Berkeley in the rain.

This morning is bright and clear and cool (thermometer 39°) and I am now setting out for several points along Russian River--probably my last trip.

The book you loaned me by Fairfield Osborn, entitled 'The Earth Speaks to Bryan', I read with considerable interest (remaining remarks illegible)

I trust you will have a pleasant journey East, and shall be obliged if you will give my kind regards to your mother.

With love to you all,

As ever,
E. Curtis Illman

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
Alameda, California

Nov. 16, 1925

Postmaster
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On and after receipt of this please forward no more mail to Lagunitas, California, addressed to Dr. and Mrs. C. Hart Merriam and Miss Zenaida Merriam at 1919 Sixteenth St.

We are returning to Washington in a few days.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Nov. 16, 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor

Dear Dr. Shull:

Your letter of the 6th instant arrived today. I finished the season's field work yesterday and am expecting to leave California for Washington in about a week. Thereafter my address will be 1919 Sixteenth St., as usual in winter.

As to the title of my address at the New Haven meeting of the Naturalists, would suggest:

Beliefs of California Indians
About Animals

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Publisher of Science
Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Sir:

On April 27 last I requested you to change mailing address for Science and Science Monthly from 1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D. C., to Lagunitas, California, returning to the old address the 1st of November. Inasmuch as November issues have come to my California address, I assume that the request for return to the old address was overlooked. Please send subsequent issues to my Washington address and oblige

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Letters also sent to:

American Forestry, 1523 L St., Wash.D.C.

Field and Stream, 24 W. 45St. N.Y.City

Motor Land, 1628 Van Ness, Ave, S.F. Calif.

National Geographic Mag., 16th St., Wash. D.C.

Nature Mag., 1918 Hartford Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Outdoor Life , 1824 Curtis St., Denver, Colo.

Rod and Gun in Canada, Woodstock, Ontario

Sunset Mag., 460 Fourth St., S.F., Calif.

Literary Digest, 354 Fourth Ave., N.Y. C.

Outlook, 381 Fourth Ave., N.Y.C.

Nov. 20, 1925

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Inclosed herewith is the copy I promised you.

I wish you were coming to Washington this Winter but if hot hope to see you here in the Spring.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Nov. 20, 1925

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Inclosed herewith is the copy I promised you.

I wish you were coming to Washington this Winter but if hot hope to see you here in the Spring.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

Lagunitas, California
November 20, 1925

Dear E. W.:

Yours of the 11th instant was awaiting our arrival from the last field trip in the Russian River country. We were shocked to learn of your brother's sudden overthrow and hope that he is well on the way to recovery. These are serious troubles which we old fellows have to be on the lookout for.

We are glad that Lagunitas seemed to agree with your complexion and hope that you will make us a longer visit next season.

We pull out on the Overland Limited Sunday morning and expect to reach Washington the morning of Thanksgiving Day.

With love from us all,

As ever,

C.H.M.

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Orosi, California

Dec. 2, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my Expense Account for October ($232.08) and November ($421.52) and also voucher for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, for October and November ($96.), which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay from the Harriman Fund.

During the season we drove our car in field work 7500 miles, as a result of which I was able to finish my work on the distribution of Indian tribes in northern California.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Am inclosing also voucher to Doubleday Page & Co.($25.) for a copy of Ernest Seton's Lives of Game Animals,Vol.1, 1925, which was awaiting my return to the city. Kindly pay this also from the Harriman Fund.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.,Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for October 1925

			Subsist.		
Sept.	30	Notebooks			1 60
Oct.	1	San Rafael:Sparrow Bros. new headlight lamp&repairs	1		1 00
		8 gals gas			1 60
		Napa & Vacaville:Din.&sup.(self&asst. Z.Merriam)			3 50
	2	Vacaville Inn: 2 rooms (self& asst)	2		4 00
		Car storage .50;breakfast & lunch (self& asst)			3 00
		Woodland: 9 gal gas @ 20½, $1.85; oil .35			2 20
		Redding: 9 gal gas @ 23, $2.07; oil .25			2 32
	3	Montgomery Creek:Supper,ldgs.,& bkfst. for 2	3		4 00
		Car storage .50; lunch & dinner for 2, $2.50			3 00
		Dana: Paid Indian woman Rosa Ryan			2 00
	4	Fall River Mills: McIntosh Hotel,2 rooms (self &asst	4		2 00
		Car storage .50;8 gal gas @ .29,$2.32;oil&grease .95			3 77
		Breakfast & lunch (self & asst)			2 00
		Lookout,Big Valley: Pd. Indian woman Lottie O'Neal			2 50
	5	Bieber,Big Valley: Sup.,ldgs.,&bkfst. for 2	5		4 00
		Car storage .50			50
		Fall River: 9 gals gas $2.61;lunch for 2, $1.			3 61
		Red Bluff: oil,grease,& labor for car	6		2 85
		Corning: dinner (self & asst)			2 00
	6	Corning: Maywood Hotel: 2 rooms (self & asst)	7		6 00
		Car storage .50;labor .25;10 gals gas @ .22,$2.20			2 95
		Napa: 10 gals gas @ .20			2 00
		San Rafael: new inner tube for tire	8		5 00
		Meals (self & asst)			4 00
	8	Allen's Press Clippings for Sept.	9		3 00
Oct.	9	Fare,Lagunitas-San Fran. .96;St cars .20; din. $1.			2 16
		Fare, San Francisco-Dunsmuir			10 74
		Lower berth, San Francisco-Dunsmuir	10		3 75
	10	Meals $2.75; porter .25			3 00
		Taxi, Dunsmuir-Shasta Spgs $2.;hotel(rm for day $1.)			3 00
		Paid Ind "Gray-headed Johnny" $2.;other Ind $1.			3 00
		Fare,Dunsmuir-S.Francisco $10.74			10 74
		Sleeper $3.75	11		3 75
	11	Bkfst on Diner $1.; porter .25; lunch .50			1 75
		Return fare S. Fran.-Manor .72;stage to Lagunitas .80			1 52
	13	San Anselmo-S.Fran. return .60;street cars .40			1 00
	14	Hotel State $2.50; phone .05	12		2 55
	13 &14	Meals $3.50; 9 gals gas at San Anselmo $1.80			5 30
	17	Postage & insur. to Lottie O'Neal (Indian, Lookout)			79
	19	Tobacco for Ind Rosa,Glenburn $1.15; postage .19			1 34
	20	Fare,San Rafael-S.F.ret. .60;St.cars .20;lunch .80			1 60
		Celluloid strip & grease .75			75
		San Rafael:Butterworth Bros: Repairs,top & curtains	13		4 00
		S.B.Cassino,Naturalists Directory 1925			2 10
		The Auk for 1926			4 00
	21	Lunch for self & asst			1 20
		San Rafael: 8 gals gas @ .20			1 60
	22	Hotel Willits,supper,ldgs,&Bkfst for 2	14		7 00
		Car storage .50;grease 1.50;gas 1.20;labor 2.25			5 45
		Tobacco & food for Wahtoma Indians			1 20
		Sherwood Inn: Susie&Fred Campbell $4.;old George $2.			6 00

				2	50
Oct.	22	Lunch & supper for 2	15	4	50
	23	Ukiah: Palace Hotel, 2 rooms (self & asst)			50
		Car storage .50		2	05
		Santa Rosa: 10 gals gas @ 20½		2	50
		Meals (self & asst)		2	90
	24	Ret.San Anselmo-S.Fran..60;St.cars .30;meals $2.	16	4	50
		E.Denny & Co.,maps		1	05
		Underwood typewriter repairs	17	3	00
	25	Hotel State:room $2.50;phones .50		1	75
	26	San Anselmo: tire vulcanized .75; 5 gals gas $1.		2	25
		Napa: engine oil changed & new Alemite nipple	18	13	20
		Solano Garage,Fairfield: Labor & materials on car		2	25
		Meals (self & asst)	19	3	50
	27	Suisun: Mayfield Hotel,2 rooms (self & asst)		2	46
		Sacramento: 12 gals gas @ 20½		2	50
		Meals (self & asst)	20	5	00
	28	Marysville: Western Hotel, 2 rooms (self & asst)		2	28
		Car storage .50;5 gals gas @ 20½, $1.03;2 qts oil .75		3	00
		Meals (self & asst) $2.50;new headlight lamp(put in).50		1	80
	30	San Rafael-S.Fran.ret. .60;supper 1.;street cars .20	21	2	70
	31	San Fran.:Hotel State,Room $2.50;telephones .20		1	00
		Street cars .20; breakfast .80		1	20
		Postage & stampt envelops, Oct.			
				$232.08	

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C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St.,Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for November 1925

Nov.	2	San Anselmo: 10 gals gas		2	00
	3	Napa: 5 gals gas $1. Walnut Grove: 1 gal oil 1.20		2	20
		Meals (self & asst Z.Merriam)		2	60
	4	Sacramento:Hotel Land,rooms (self & asst)	1	5	00
		Car storage 50			50
		Verona:13 gals gas @20½ 2.67;work on car 75;grease 25		3	67
		Napa: 10 gals gas @20		2	00
		Meals (self & asst)		3	40
	5	San Anselmo-S.Fran.ret 60; street cars 15; lunch 65;			
		10gals gas 2; vulcanizing tires 2; work carburator 50			
		Hirsch & Kaye,developing & printing photographs	2	5	90
	7	San Anselmo-S.Fran.ret 60; lunch $1.		7	20
		Banfield-Hullinger,developing & printing photos	3	1	60
		Allen's Press Clippings for October (Indians)	4	1	02
		Indian Defense Association, Northern California		3	00
	8	Street cars 30 ; lunch on Ferry 75		5	00
	10	H.H.Pittman,Wauchope,Canada,photos mammals		1	05
	12	Schwabacher-Frye,S.F.: 1000 sheets Blue Bond	5	6	00
	13	Marin Service Sta.:Chang.engine oil,Alemiting,&filling transmission,universal & hubs		2	37
		Hopland: 5 gals gas 1.15; lunch 75	6	5	65
		Robt.Smith Ind $1.;Old Tom Connor $1;knife Ind boy 75		1	90
	14	Cloverdale: Dad Snyder's Hotel,sup.,ldg.,& bkfst.	7	2	75
		Car storage 50 ; din. & sup. 1.25		2	85
		Fig bars& gingersnaps for Indian children $1.		1	75
				1	00

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15	Ukiah: Palace Hotel, room		8	2	50
	Gowan Garage: Storage 50; repair tire 75; oil 35		9	1	60
	Hopland Rancheria: food for sick Indian				50
	Cloverdale: 9 gals gas 1.90; meals 2.			3	90
	San Rafael: 4 gals gas				80
16	San Anselmo-S.Fran.ret 60;street cars 15; lunch 60; car storage, San Anselmo 25			1	60
	Marquis & Co. Who's Who in America, 1926-27		10	7	50
17	San Anselmo-S.Fran. ret 60; St cars 20; meals 1.50			2	30
19	San Anselmo-S.Fran. ret 60; St cars 20; lunch 75			1	55
	Gabriel Moulin: developing & printing $1.20		11	1	20
	Gabriel Moulin: developing & printing $4.60		12	4	60
20	Lagunitas: Baggage out $1.			1	00
	San Anselmo-S.Fran. 40; street cars 20; meals $1.75			2	35
21	San Francisco: street cars 30; meals $2.20			2	50
22	San Fran.; Hotel State, rm. 2 days (Nov.20-22 incl.)		13	5	00
	Meals $2.75			2	75
	RR fare (SP) San Francisco-Washington			103	07
	Pullman compartment Oakland-Chicago $66.75	½	14	33	37
	Lower berth Chicago-Washington			8	25
	Meals en route			12	00
	Pullman Porter			1	00
	Baggage in (Washington)				60
	RR fare (SP) for stenographer(M.G.Carvell)S.F.-Wash.			103	07
	Upper berth Oakland-Wash.(M.G.Carvell)			25	20
	Meals en route (M.G.Carvell)			12	00
	Baggage in (Washington, M.G.Carvell)				60
28	J.W.Scallick,cleaning Bear Skulls		15	5	00
	Field & Stream for 1926			2	50
30	Farquhar's Explorations in Sierra Nevada			1	50
	Stampt envelops & postage Nov.			1	30
				$421	52

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C. Hart Merriam
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Washington, D. C.
Nov. 30, 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Miss Margaret G. Carvell who has been working for me in California will be here this winter, as stenographer and general assistant, and I shall be obliged if you will pay her (checks in my care) $125 per month from the Harriman fund until further notice, beginning November 1.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

Dec. 3, 1925

Professor Warren H. Lewis
Wolfe and Madison Streets
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Professor Lewis:

On returning from California I find in my accumulated mail your letter of November 20 enclosing program of the symposium on the "Structure of Protoplasm" for the forthcoming meeting of the American Society of Naturalists at New Haven on December 30.

I greatly appreciate your courtesy in the matter and am very glad to know that you are willing to help out in the chair.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Harriman

Dec. 3, 1925

Dr. Ralph H. Cheney
New York University
New York City

My dear Dr. Cheney:

A notice of the meeting of the Torrey Botanical Club for November 10 contains the interesting information that you were down for a paper on Plant Arrow Poisoning. If this is to be published I should greatly appreciate a copy.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 3, 1925

Mr. Max L. Rosenberg
Indian Defense Association
334 California Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Can you tell me how many members there are at present in the Indian Defense Association of Northern and Central California?

And can you tell me what the Association has done for Indians of Northern California during the past 2 years?

I tried to see you while in California recently but did not succeed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 3, 1925

Supt. Senate Folding Room
Capitol Building
Washington

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will send me Senate Resolution 347 of May 25 and 26, 1925, Part 3, issued by the Sub-committee on Public Lands and Surveys. I should be glad of 2 copies if you have plenty on hand.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 3, 1925

Native Sons
Wilcox Building
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sirs:

Recently I have learned of a publication called <u>The Grizzly Bear</u> issued by your organization and containing a continued article or series of articles on California Indian History.

If you can send me a complete set of the numbers containing this material with bill for same I shall be greatly obliged and will remit at once.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

JLR

Dec. 2, 1925

Dear Julia:

You will be disappointed in the matter of an oil burner. Our burner, as I wrote you from California, is the Gill Oil Burner, manufactured in Chicago. There is no agency in Watertown ,New York.

It would be extremely bad policy to install any oil burner in any furnace anywhere where there is no competent agency of the company selling the burner.

Repairs and adjustments are always necessary with all oil burners and unless a mechanic who understands the machine can be had on telephone call the result will be a cold house.

Furthermore the economy of oil burners depends on the out-of-doors temperature. In mild climates the cost of operation is much less than that of coal for the reason that the oil burner is used only a few hours each day. Here in Washington the cost when the burner is properly understood is a little less than that of coal because we never have the furnace going more than 6 or 8 hours out of 24. In a cold climate like that of northern New York it might be necessary to run the burner nearly all the time, which would be very expensive. Nevertheless the comfort of a good oil burner is beyond words.

We arrived on Thanksgiving Day and spent 4 days with Florence while Elizabeth was having the worst of the dirt cleaned out of the house.

Coll and Flo are in the City and we have seen them at Florence's a couple of times. Both are looking very well.

Am enclosing herewith your December coupon.

With love from us all,

As ever,

Hart

Mrs. C.L.Merriam
Watertown,New York

Dr A. V. Kidder, Secretary
Am. Anthropological Assoc.
Andover, Mass.

Nov. 30,1925

My dear Doctor Kidder:

On returning from six months of fieldwork in California I find your notice of the coming meeting of the Anthropological Association.

If not too late, I shall be glad to give a brief talk on the Tribes of Northeastern California, illustrated by one or two maps and possibly a few other slides.

Very truly yours,

Sam

Dec. 5, 1925

American Railway Express
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

On December 2 you delivered at my house (1919 Sixteenth St.) heavily insured express packages shipped by me from San Rafael, California, November 19.

I paid the delivery man the charges ($20.30) by check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this City, but neglected to ask for a receipt. A few hours later I phoned the On Hand Clerk, asking him to kindly send me the receipt. Up to date this has not arrived.

Inasmuch as the shipment consists of official materials it is necessary for me to have the receipt to turn into the Smithsonian as a sub-voucher in order to be reimbursed. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly see that the receipt is sent me.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1925

General Passenger Agent
Union Pacific Railway
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me copies of the following illustrated booklets published by your road:

1. California
2. Yellowstone National Park
3. Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon
4. Colorado Mountain Playgrounds
5. The Pacific Northwest and Alaska

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1925

Dear Doctor Stephens:

By this time doubtless you are back and busy in Alameda. I trust you had a pleasant visit at your old Kentucky home and that you left your mother in reasonably good health. Your visit must have done her much good.

We arrived on Thanksgiving Day and spent a few days with my sister and Vernon Bailey while Elizabeth was looking after the rough cleaning of the house. Now everything seems to be in good order and we are comfortably settled for the Winter. Our Gill Oil Burner is an immense satisfaction. In connection with the new American Radiator Company's Ideal Heater, which we installed last Winter, it seems to be as nearly perfect as such things can be.

I wish your dates for these Eastern visits didn't come when we are away. But we still have hopes that you may be with us in the Spring.

It was fine to have that night with you before returning, and to see your wonderful hospital with its inconceivably perfect equipment and luxurious quarters.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Will let you know later what I did with your generous check for San Pedro -

Dec. 5, 1925

Dear Doctor Bunnell:

Was sorry not to see you before leaving for the East, but Miss Bain and your nurse very kindly dressed my right hand which I spiked while closing our Lagunitas house. Although the wound was nearly an inch deep there has been no infection and it has now completely healed--thanks to proper treatment.

Next year I shall not be under such severe pressure as this year and hope to see more of you.

With kindest regards from Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida to Miss Bain and yourself,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Physicians Building
San Francisco

Dec. 5, 1925

Mr. Pompeo Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

We arrived in Washington on Thanksgiving Day and spent a few days with my sister and her husband, Vernon Bailey, while Mrs. Merriam was having our house cleaned, and we are now comfortably settled for the Winter.

In the hurry of closing the house at Lagunitas I forgot to turn off the water in the water box behind the house, and also at the point where it enters the house under Mrs. Merriam's window. I shall be greatly obliged if you will turn off these two valves. I did turn it off where it leaves the big tank and vented it in Zenaida's orchard and drained the pipes at the house.

It has been raining here for a couple of days, but that is quite proper for this time of the year. And I suppose you are now having plenty of wetness at Lagunitas.

Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join in kindest regards to yourself and family.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1925

The Arthur H. Clark Company
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please send me with bill for same 2 copies of my book entitled <u>The Dawn of the World: Weird Tales of the Mewan Indians of California</u>, published by your firm in 1910.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1925

Editor Boston Evening Transcript
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Sir:

Your issue of November 21 contains a remarkably interesting and important page on Navaho Sand Painting by Mrs. Laura Adams Armer.

But the introductory remarks by Emmet Duncan are badly mixed, as he heads his letter "Oraibi, New Mexico", whereas Oraibi is in Arizona, not New Mexico; and furthermore seems to confuse the sand paintings of Hopi with those of the Navaho.

But Mrs. Armer's article is well worthy of permanent preservation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 5, 1925

Mr. Durham, Proprietor
Durham Garage
San Anselmo, California

Dear Sir:

On leaving my Baby Grand car in your garage on November 20 I promised to write you confirming what I told you in regard to the sale, namely:

I shall be glad to have you sell the car for $250. If you can get more than this for it I will divide the amount above $250. with you evenly, 50-50.

Everything in the car goes with it—jack, tire tools trouble light, good extra tire on holder on rear, and worthless tire inside, green wind shield visor, wind shield wiper, also the few additional tools.

The car is in good condition considering the distanc it has traveled--something over 27000 miles. It has always be kept in repair. New valves were put in this Spring and the battery was purchased of Sparrow Brothers, San Rafael in May of this year. The crank case was taken down and cleaned and tl engine filled with new oil a short time before I left it with you.

If you don't succeed in selling the car I will pay you $5. a month storage, as per agreement, but I hope you will sell it.

My Winter address is 1919 16th St., Washington, and I expect to return to California in May.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1925

Dr. A. K. Fisher
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear A. K.

Thanks for yours of the 4th instant. I passed the crisis Saturday and have hopes of pulling through for another year. Several of us seem to be paddling the same canoe.

You ask if I know the location of a mountain named Burguss. As you omitted to mention the part of the world in which it is located I can only guess that you may have reference to Bogus Mountain in Siskiyou County, Northern California. It is a well known elevation on the south side of Klamath River between Ager and Klamath Hot Springs (near latter) at the mouth of Shovel Creek.

With best wishes,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1925

Mr. Smith Riley
Box 204
Greenlawn, Long Island

Dear Mr. Riley:

On my return from California a few days ago Vernon Bailey gave me your letter dated November 17 in regard to the possible reintroduction of Grizzly Bears into California.

Altogether apart from the difficulty of obtaining and shipping live Grizzly Bears, I feel duty bound to express my abhorrence of any procedure of this kind. It is hard to think of anything more detrimental to the scientific study of animals than the existence of hybrid individuals or of species from a foreign locality introduced into the domain of another species. I consider this a crime against Nature. Dreadful mistakes of this kind have already been made in the case of species of Elk and Buffalo and I most earnestly hope that the pernicious practice will not go further.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1925

Mr. R. S. Ellison
Midwest Refining Company
Casper, Wyoming

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the September number of your Midwest Review containing an article on William H. Jackson, which I find in my accumulated mail on my return from California.

Jackson and I were good friends on the old Hayden Survey in 1872, but I do not remember to have seen him during the past 50 years. If he is in Washington I will try to hunt him up.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 7, 1925

Mr. S. R. Capps
Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Capps:

This morning I went to the Museum and examined the Bear skulls you so kindly took the trouble to collect for me.

As you told me over the phone only one of these, the adult female from Carlson Creek, is of much interest, all of the others being cubs or immature specimens, and several of them badly damaged. It is unfortunate that no adult males were in the batch.

I have priced them as follows, using your numbers as you suggested:

1. $8	4. $3
2. $3	5. $3
3. $3	6. $4

In all $24, a check for which will be sent you from my account in the Smithsonian Institution about the first of January.

I appreciate your kind offices and the trouble you took bringing them so far and regret that they are not worth more money.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

9 Dec. 1925

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my check on the National Metropolitan Bank of this City for $500 in repayment of like amount advanced to me for field expenses last May.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

9 Dec. 1925

Hirsch & Kaye
239 Grant Avenue
San Francisco

Dear Sirs:

Your statement dated December 1 and sent to my Summer address at Lagunitas has just reached me.

Apparently some other account has been confused with mine for the reason that only two of the four entries correspond with those in your statement of November 1 which I paid on November 5, and for which I hold your receipt. The items dated October 19 (.60) and October 23 ($3.40) do not appear in your November statement and I have no knowledge of them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 9, 1925

Hotel Taft
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:

I shall be obliged if you will reserve for me a single room with bath for three days beginning December 28 instant.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 9, 1925

Dr. Robert T. Morris
114 East 54th Street
New York City

Dear Dr. Morris:

Your letter of the first instant enclosing a few mammal hairs reached me soon after my return from California.

I referred the hairs to Vernon Bailey of the Biological Survey and he and Dr. Kellogg, who examined them under the microscope, tell me that they came from the common skunk.

Evidently you have a most interesting place and I hope you have a reasonable amount of time to enjoy it.

I, in common with many relatives and friends, appreciate your fine tribute to my cousin Dr. Clinton L. Bagg.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 13, 1925

Dr Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society
Washington, D.C.

My dear Dr Grosvenor:

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th instant telling me that a number of the publications of the Society had been allotted to each member of the Board of Trustees.

These make admirable Christmas presents, and I have entered on the blank you were good enough to enclose, the addresses to which I should be very glad to have my quota of copies sent.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. Frank M. Conser
Superintendent Sherman Institute
Riverside, California

My dear Mr. Conser:

Returning from California a short time ago I was interested to look over the numbers of Sherman Bulletin issued during my absence. In the issue of September 11 under the title of Total Enrollment is a list of tribes. Some of the names in this list seem to be unique in the matter of spelling. And two, namely, Cayemaro and Kishyi, I am unable to place, and shall be very glad if you will kindly tell me where they are located.—

But I am pained to see that your school still permits the use of the obnoxious name Digger, which was abandoned by the Indian Office two or three years ago.

It is interesting to see that you have such a splendid lot of pupils.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. C. P. Russell
Naturalist, Yosemite National Park
California

My dear Mr. Russell:

Having recently returned from California I shall be obliged if you will kindly change the address of your valuable series of Yosemite Nature Notes from Lagunitas to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

I am very glad to possess so complete a file of this publication and shall continue to look forward with interest to the appearance of each issue.

I had intended to write both you and Mr. Hall while still in California but the pressure of important field work and consequent impossibility of attending to my correspondence, prevented.

With congratulations and best wishes,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. Smith Riley
Box 204
Greenlawn, Long Island

Dear Mr. Riley:

In compliance with your request of the 11th instant I am sending you herewith a copy of North American Fauna, No. 4. containing my Review of the Grizzly and Big Brown Bears, which should answer your questions.

I fear you do not yet appreciate the incalculable harm likely to result from the introduction of an animal into the region inhabited, or formerly inhabited, by a related species In the course of time skulls or other remains of the introduced species are likely to turn up and cause endless confusion and erroneous views as to the status of the species; while if both species inhabit the same ground at the same time the resu may possibly be the occurance of animal hybrids--one of the mos detestable things in all Nature.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Lieutenant George T. Emmons
Princeton, New Jersey

My dear Lieutenant Emmons:

Your letter of November 20 was written while I was still in California. Hence pardon delay in replying.

You ask how to prevent cracking in baskets. Would say that I have had little trouble with California baskets, but in the case of twined baskets from Alaska it has been my practice to paint them several times with a weak solution of glycerin in water (about a tablespoonful of glycerin to a tumbler of water) using for this purpose a soft flat varnish brush.

Many thanks for sending me the printed excerpt from your father's Journals. I am much interested in this material, particularly a part which you have not yet published, namely, the part relating to your father's overland journey from the Columbia River to Sacramento. This cannot fail to contain a large amount of valuable material which I should greatly prize the privilege of perusing.

My daughter Zenaida and I drove our car 7500 miles in field work in Northern California during the past seven months, in the course of which I finally succeeded in gathering the outstanding material necessary for the publication of my classification and maps of tribes of the northern half of California. I have much material also on the tribes of the southern half of the State, but this is not yet ready for publication.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Emmons,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. Wm. E. Colby
402 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Colby:

Thanks for your letter of the 3rd instant and for the trouble you took in securing for me a copy of Farquhar's Exploration of the Sierra Nevada. It is encouraging to know that papers of this sort are in such demand that the edition is early exhausted.

I am very glad to know that the Club is planning to publish in book form Farquhar's Place Names in the High Sierra. Please enter my name for a copy, regardless of price.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

Dec. 14, 1925

My dear Mrs. Harriman:

At last I have succeeded in completing field work in relation to the classification and distribution of the Indian Tribes of California north of the latitude of Monterey Bay, and hope to begin publication as soon as I can arrange for the maps, which should be large scale and printed in colors.

During the past season my daughter Zenaida and I have driven 7500 miles in field work, from which you may see that we were on the go most of the time.

I was disappointed in not finishing this work some time ago but the discovery of

[illegible] tribes and of living individuals of
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With kindest regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

E. H. Harriman

Mrs. E. H. Harriman
[illegible] East 69th Street
New York City

Dec. 14, 1925

Dear Sheldon:

A couple of weeks ago I mentioned to you the Indian photographs and paintings by Mrs. Laura Adams Armer of Berkeley, California, and you spoke of a friend in New York who might be interested in them. If not too much trouble would you kindly let her know that Mrs. Armer is still in New York where her temporary address is Gotham Hotel. She is to have an exhibit in Boston the latter part of the month, and one in Chicago early in January on her way to California.

Last week when she was here for three days we showed her photographs of the Navaho and Cliff Dwellings to W.H.Holmes of the Smithsonian. He said that of the hundreds of photographs he had seen of this region these were in a class by themselves--the most masterly of them all.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
1830 Phelps Place
Washington

Dec. 14, 1925

Professor Augustin Henry
College of Science for Ireland
Dublin, Ireland

My dear Sir:

In compliance with your request of November 3, which came while I was still in California, I now take pleasure in sending you a copy of my paper on Acorn Food, published some years ago in the National Geographic Magazine.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. J. D. Cochran
Barkerville, B. C.

My dear Mr. Cochran:

Having now returned from California to my winter home in Washington, I take pleasure in sending you a copy of my technical paper on the Big Bears (North American Fauna No. 41).

It is interesting to know that, in spite of hunters, Grizzly Bears are still so common in your region. I am always glad to get any notes you may send on habits.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 14, 1925

Mr. Carl I. Wheat
Care California Historical Society
San Francisco, California

My dear Sir:

In your sketch of the life of Theodore Judah published in the September issue of the California Historical Society you have reproduced in very small scale a map of Sacramento Valley showing the railroad in 1854.

I am much interested in this map and am wondering how large the original is and what it would cost to obtain, with your permission, a photograph of it the size of the original.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 15, 1925

Miss Nell Henderson
Indian School
Death Valley, California

My dear Miss Henderson:

The August number of Sunset Magazine contains under the title 'A Desert Minerva' an article about you and your school.

This interests me for two reasons: First, because I spent some time in the Valley when in charge of the Death Valley Expedition of 1890-91; and second, because I am very much interested in the Indians in that region. The article calls these Indians Furnace Creek Shoshones. You can probably tell me whether they belong to the tribe known as Panamint Shoshones or to the Nu-vah-an-dit tribe, a southern Piute tribe whose territory extends from the Amargosa easterly to the Big Bend of the Colorado.

Are any other tribes represented in your school? I should be glad to know, if you have time to tell me, where any settlements or rancherias of Indians are located at the present time, in Panamint, Death, or Amargosa Valleys or the intervening mountains.

At the time I was working in the Death Valley region there were permanent or seasonal rancherias at Hot Springs at the west base of Panamint Mountains, in Cottonwood Canyon in the mountains west of Mesquite Valley, in Grapevine Canyon, and in Ash Meadows.

I should be thankful for any information about any of these Indians.

Have you ever written down the common words of either the Panamints or the Nu-vah-an-dits? I have taken vocabularies of both tribes and am anxious to check and amplify them--particularly the Panamint.

With best wishes, and congratulations on your courage and spirit of helpfulness,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 15, 1925

Mr. W. E. Wilde
Care Stockton Record
Stockton, California

My dear Sir:

In the Stockton Record of May 23, 1925, was an article from your pen entitled Indian Relics of Central California.

The part that interests me most is the tribal names, of which you mention three in the first paragraph, namely: Yachikamnas, Siyokos, and Mareklos.

The Yachikamnas (commonly written Yachikumne) I am familiar with.

The name Siyokos is new to me but from its location south of French Camp I assume it is the same as Siakumne. Where did you find the spelling Siyokos?

The spelling Mareklos I assume to be a typographic error for Makelkos.

I have carded between 15 and 20 thousand spellings of California tribal and rancheria names, with references to the places in which they appeared. Any new spelling is therefore of considerable interest to me.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 15, 1925

Mr. E. J. Davis
Paisley, Oregon

Dear Sir:

In preparing a label for the young Bear I purchased from you last summer I find no information as to the date when it was killed. I assume that it was some time in the fall or winter, and will be obliged if you will give us the date as nearly as you can.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. H. H. Pittman
Wauchope, Saskatchewan

My dear Mr. Pittman:

Your letter of the 14th instant enclosing five photographs of Muskrats has just arrived, for which I am obliged. I am retaining two of these (numbers 1871 and 1874) and am returning herewith the remaining three.

My check for $4 in payment is enclosed herewith.

I am much interested in what you tell me about habits of Muskrats in your region after the sloughs have frozen over.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

In all purchases of photographs from you I am assuming that the price of $2 each includes copyright privilege of publication as in previous cases, in the event that I live long enough to get around to the publication of my mammal material. cm

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
485 California Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Farquhar:

Thanks for your letter of December 11 just received. I did not know that Ansel Hall had worked in the Mount Shasta region, but am glad to know that he has, and that the Sierra Club will publish something from him during the winter.

And I am still more interested to know that you have prepared a report on proposed changes and additions in Sierra nomenclature.

Your contribution on Place Names in the Sierra is not only a monument to your industry but will be of great help to an increasingly large number of people.

A copy of my Biological Survey of Mount Shasta goes to you by this mail. The work has been long out of print, but I have just found a duplicate copy in my files

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 17, 1925

My dear Mrs. Armer:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant. I had intended to see you the morning of the day you left but was detained all the forenoon in the map room of the Geological Survey.

I got the photograph you so kindly left for me and prize it very highly. It appeals to me more strongly perhaps than any of the others of your remarkable series.

When and where will be your exhibit in Boston? My daughter Mrs. Henry D. Abbott, who lives in Cambridge, will be very glad to see it if practicable.

I don't suppose you will have time to try your hand at the Annikadel story until you return to Berkeley.

I am sending you by this mail a little pamphlet by my sister on Plays and Dances of the Taos Indians.

Again thanking you for your beautiful picture and with kindest regards and best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Laura Adams Armer
Gotham Hotel
New York City

Dec. 17, 1925

Mr. J. G. Klemm
1338 Shrader St.
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Klemm:

Referring to the bill for dues in the Lagunitas Improvement Club recently received, I would like to inquire whether or not the proposed work on the upper road has been done or is likely to be done before spring. Nothing had been done up to the date of my departure on November 22, and the bad curve east of Guittard's had not been changed.

I am one of a number of property owners on the upper road who are tired of the neglect of our road and see no reason why we should continue to pay dues in the so-called Improvement Club if the present condition is to continue.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Willits Mercantile Co.
Willits, California

Dear Sirs:

If I send you a little money (say $10 or $12) for flour, beans, coffee, sugar, and perhaps one or two other articles for the Indians at Sherwood Reservation, to be sent to Mrs. Susie Campbell, can you arrange for their delivery? I assume that Frank Campbell or some of the others visit Willits from time to time during the winter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dec. 18, 1925

Dear Chapman:

In glancing over the numbers of Bird Lore that came during my absence in California I ran across (in the September-October number) a letter from a boy who has not yet found himself, and your reply. You took some trouble with your answer and hit a good many nails plumb on the head. It did me good to read it.

Incidentally, I am wondering if the boy hailed from Hollywood and if his name might have been De Camp.

With best wishes and greetings of the season from us all to Mrs. Chapman and yourself.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
American Museum of
Natural History
New York City

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Wm. P. Richards
Assessor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your promptness in replying to my letter of the 17th instant concerning the assessment against my property at 1919 Sixteenth Street.

I note that the assessment on the ground was increased to $4.25 a square foot, which appears to be the full market value at present, and that the valuation on my old house which I built thirty-nine years ago is placed at $11,100.

As there seems to be no escape I am today sending my check for $323.82 to the Collector of Taxes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Arthur H. Howell
Biological Survey
Department of Agriculture

Dear Howell:

Following are data for the Grizzly skulls from the Mount McKinley region sent by S. R. Capps early this month, for which Mrs. Snyder phoned me the other day.

No. 1. ♀. Carlson Creek, 16 miles NNE of Mt. McKinley.

Nos. 2 & 3. ♀s. Yearling cubs of No. 1; same locality.

No. 4. ♂ 3d yr. Copper Mountain, E of Muldrow Glacier, 32 miles NE of Mount McKinley (skull badly broken).

No. 5. ♂im. Birch Creek, NW of Mount McKinley (badly broken).

No. 6. ♂im., 3d yr; same locality.

All were collected in 1925.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Miss Alida C. Bowler, Executive Secretary
Indian Defense Assoc. of Northern Calif.
1010 Mills Building, San Francisco

My dear Miss Bowler:

Your letter of December 5 has been forwarded from Lagunitas, which place I left on November 22.

I am very glad to know that at last someone has been appointed to do something for the Indians of Northern California and regret that this did not happen in time to give the opportunity you ask for of talking the matter over with me.

But what is needed is not talk but action. We have had talk to the limit by this and other associations whose aim, on paper, has been to help Indians. But up to date the actual assistance given may be best expressed by the zero sign.

The first thing to do in my judgment is for a sympathetic resourceful person to actually visit various Indian rancherias and homes in Northern California to ascertain from personal contact the conditions and needs, and to render whatever assistance seems practicable.

With best wishes for the success of your work,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Newton B. Drury
Berkeley, California

My dear Mr. Drury:

Thanks for your letter and circular of the 9th instant. I also was sorry to miss you when I called at your office just before leaving California.

It is good to know that so much interest has been aroused to save the Redwoods and I most earnestly trust that the effort to obtain funds for the larger areas will prove successful. I have not yet had an opportunity to talk with J. C. Merriam in regard to your big project, but shall do so in the near future.

Please note that my Washington address is not U.S. Geographic Board, but 1919 Sixteenth Street. I resigned from the Board last spring after twenty year's service, during eight of which I served as Chairman.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Alexander Wetmore
Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wetmore:

Can you put your finger on the right button to have sent to me a separate of the paper by Charles Whitebread entitled Magic, Psychic Ancient Egyptian and so on, Medical Collections of the National Museum, published in Proc. U.S.Nat.Mus. 65, 1925? If so I shall be very much obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 18, 1925

Mr. Charles Whitebread
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In scanning your very interesting article on Magic, Psychic, Ancient Egyptian, Medical Collections in the National Museum, published in Volume 65 of the Proceedings, I notice illustrations of an Indian medicine man's rattle (fig. 1). an animal mask (fig.2), and an Indian fetish (fig. 6) without any information as to the tribe or even the stock to which the Indians possessing these articles belonged. Can you give me this information?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec.18, 1925

Thw Arthur H. Clark Co.
Cleveland. Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Please send a copy of my Dawn Of the World (with enclosed card) to Dr G. C. Birdsall, 1832 Kalorama Road, Washington, D.C. And send bill to me(including insurance)

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 21. 1925

Dr. A. Franklin Shull, Secretary
American Society of Naturalists
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Shull:

Your notice of the meeting of the Executive Committee, American Society of Naturalists, for Tuesday evening Dec. 29 at 6 o'clock has this moment arrived. I expect to be present, and shall be glad if you will reserve a plate for me.

I plan to leave here Sunday evening the 27th, arriving in New Haven the next morning, Dec. 28. I have engaged a room at Hotel Taft.

I don't know how much I shall be able to stand, but hope to alternate the Chair with Professor Lewis who has kindly offered to spell me.

I am down for a paper on California Indians on Wednesday forenoon, Dec. 30, and at other times there are several papers at the Anthropological which I should be glad to hear.

Hoping to see you in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 21, 1925

Professor Warren H. Lewis
Carnegie Institution
Wolfe and Madison Streets
Baltimore, M. D.

Dear Professor Lewis:

On looking over the program for the impending meeting of the Naturalists at New Haven I am somewhat appaled by the nature of most of the communications, and still more by the unfortunate fact that most of the speakers I do not know even by sight. I am therefore the more grateful to you for your kind offer to help me out in the Chair.

And besides these formidable communications there is another reason why I want to get away part of the time, for several papers in which I am much interested are to be presented at the Anthropological meeting which occurs at the same time as that of the Naturalists.

Hoping to meet you at New Haven in the near future,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 24, 1925

Dr. Albert L. Barrows
National Research Council
B and 21st Streets
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Barrows:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant transmitting a pamphlet by Dr. Gregory on the Pacific Science Congress.

I shall be glad to bring the matter before the coming meeting of the American Society of Naturalists.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 24, 1925

Dr. Joseph Grinnell
Museum Vertebrate Zoology
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Grinnell:

Thanks for calling my attention to Jepson's Manual of the Flowering Plants of California.

I had not heard of it but will order a copy at once. I am glad to know that he has accepted the Life Zone idea.

Recently someone told me that Jepson had published a paper on the Manzanitas. I had not heard of this and shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly give me a reference to source of publication so that I may order a copy.

With greetings and best wishes to you all.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dec. 24, 1925

Mr. Walter L. Huber
President Sierra Club
Mills Building
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Huber:

Your letter of the 17th instant has just come to hand together with a letter addressed to the U. S. Geographic Board, transmitting a report from Francis Farquhar and others on Place Names in the High Sierra. All of these I am forwarding to Mr. Frank Bond, my successor as Chairman of the U. S. Geographic Board. His address is General Land Office, Department of the Interior.

I cannot say when the Board will take this matter up but doubtless the Chairman, Mr. Bond, or the Secretary, Mr. James McCormick (U. S. Geological Survey) will let you know promptly.

Personally I am very glad to know that the Sierra Club has taken up seriously the matter of the nomenclature of place names in the High Sierra, and I am very glad to know that you intend to publish the results in book form after hearing from the Geographic Board.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Frank Bond, Chairman
U. S. Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dec. 24, 1925

Dear Mr. Bond:

Herewith I am enclosing a manuscript on Place Names in the High Sierra, prepared by Francis P. Farquhar and other members of the Sierra Club, together with a letter of transmittal signed by Walter L. Huber, President of the Club.

I take the liberty to Ok a few of these names.

On page 9 the name Potwisha is recommended for the junction of Marble and Middle Forks Kaweah River. This spelling has been used in a newspaper article by Judge Fry. Seventy-five years ago the name was spelled Patwisha by an Indian Agent named Johnston. I have usually written it Padwisha as pronounced by the Indians, although one Indian gave it to me as Padoosha. The Handbook of American Indians gives the spelling Badwisha. I recommend Padwisha.

Barring spelling, the name appears to be misplaced. The headquarters of the Padwisha tribe was Three Rivers, several miles below the junction of Marble and Middle Forks. The tribe extended up the river so that the locality mentioned was in their territory, although by no means the specific place to which they attach the name.

The Sierra Club recommends that the name Whitney Meadows be changed to Golden Trout Meadows because the meadows in questic

are about ten miles south of Mount Whitney. I object strongly to this change for the reason that the name Whitney Meadows is long established, has been in use for many years, was definitely located by T. S. Palmer in our report on the Death Valley Expedition (North American Fauna, No. 7, page 383, 1893), and was also, if I remember correctly, an important locality of Professor Langley's in connection with his astronomical and astrophysical work on Mount Whitney. Furthermore, collections in various branches of zoology and botany made during the Death Valley Expedition by my assistants T. S. Palmer, Vernon Bailey, A. K. Fisher, E. W. Nelson, Frank Stephens, and Basil Dutcher, and labeled Whitney Meadows, are now in the National Museum; and I am strongly of the impression that geological work has been done there also. It is a calamity to science and history to change such names, inevitably resulting in great confusion. If the name were cancelled as recommended, how would anyone know fifty years hence where the hundreds of specimens labeled Whitney Meadows came from? And if the name were no longer on current maps how would anyone know what locality was meant in the published records in which the name Whitney Meadows is used?

Accompanying the report is a letter from F. E. Matthes recommending the recognition of the name Vidette Lake. I should use the name in the plural as there are two or three of these little glacial lakes along the course of Vidette Creek, between the two high mountains. It seems to me most appropriate that the name should stick. About a quarter of a century ago (July 21, 1902) Henry Gannett, John Muir and I visited this region, ascending the canyon

of Bubbs Creek to and beyond the Videttes, the Vidette Lakes lying in a north-south canyon between the lofty mountains known as West Vidette and East Vidette. The name had been in use long before our visit.

With best wishes to you and other members of the Board,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 4, 1926

Egbert Bagg & Co.
219 Genesee St.
Utica, New York

Dear Sirs:

Thanks for policies on Furniture and so on in my house 1919 Sixteenth Street for three years, expiring January 18, 1929, namely: Hartford 9293 and Liverpool, London, and Globe D 12495. My check for $37.50 (in payment of your bill) is enclosed herewith.

There was just one item requiring a correction, namely: Permission was granted to use the oil burner known as Nokol. This I discarded more than a year ago, replacing it by a very much better burner known as the Gill. I therefore took the two policies to the W. H. West Company today and had the word Nokol changed to Gill. Otherwise they appear to be all right.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 5, 1926

Mr. Charles A. Gianini
Poland, New York

My dear Sir:

Your letter of November 17 came to Washington before my return from California. Since then I have been away in New Haven and Boston and trust you will pardon my delay in replying.

The leach-like animal you mention as finding in the liver of Adirondack Deer is a Fluke, a very common internal parasite. The Deer get it by eating small snails on grass of other plants in moist places. After undergoing several changes in the interior of the Deer it spends the remainder of its life in the liver, and after death its remains pass out into the intestines by means of the bile duct.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 5. 1926

Professor E. L. Thorndike
Chairman Section of Anthropology and Psychology
National Academy of Sciences

Dear Professor Thorndike:

Returning from New Haven and Boston I find your letter of December 21 in regard to nominations to the Section of Anthropology and Psychology.

I voted for only two--one anthropologist and one psychologist. My reasons for not voting for more were two: (1) That the list is top-heavy with psychologists--five to one; and (2) because in both politics and science I strongly resent being bulldozed.

I know nothing whatever against any of the candidates, and if the psychologists and anthropologists were where they belong, in separate sections, I should be very glad to vote for all of them.

My ballot of December 3 is returned herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. E. L. Thorndike
Teachers' College
Columbia University
New York City

Jan. 6. 1926

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
485 California St.
San Francisco

My dear Mr. Farquhar:

Thanks for your letter of December 29 which I find on my return from the recent Science meetings at New Haven. I am glad to know that Ansel Hall's article on the Shasta Region promises to be of so much value.

Your Report on Place Names in the High Sierra, transmitted by President Huber of the Sierra Club, arrived just before I left the city and was forwarded at once to Mr. Frank Bond, my sucessor as Chairman of the Government Geographic Board.

In looking the document over hurriedly the only thing my eye caught to which I objected strongly was the suggestion to change or do away with the name Whitney Meadows. This name, as you of course know, is already historically established not only because of Professor Langley's astronomical and astrophysical work in that neighborhood but also because of its use in connection with the Death Valley Expedition of 1890-91. Its location was definitely recorded by Dr. T. S. Palmer in our Report on the Death Valley Expedition (North American Fauna No. 7, page 383, 1893). Important collections in various branches of Zoology and Botany were made there by several of my assistants of the Death Valley Expedition (namely: T. S. Palmer, Vernon Bailey, A. K. Fisher, E. W. Nelson, Frank Stephens, and Basil Dutcher) all of which were labeled

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Whitney Meadows and are now permanently installed in the National Museum. The name also occurs many times in the published reports, including Coville's volume on the Botany of the Death Valley Expedition. You will at once recognize the confusion that results after a few years from changing geographic names that are attached to Museum specimens and recorded in Scientific literature.

I look forward with much interest to the final publication as a separate volume of your important work along this line.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

January 6, 1926

Dear Judge Shurtleff:

We were all very greatly shocked and pained to learn of Mrs. Shurtleff's death. For many years we have been impressed by her graciousness and beauty, her acumen, and her gentle and kindly manner. It is one of the cruelties of life that those who can be least spared are apt to be the ones who go first.

With kindest regards and heartfelt sympathy, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zensida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Judge Charles A. Shurtleff
Box 3, Ringwood Road
Menlo Park, California

Jan. 6, 1926

Mr. W. E. Wilde
535 E Main St.
Stockton, California

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 21 on the use of the tribal name Si-yo-kos. I am very thankful for the information you have contributed.

Do you know whether the people of this tribe called themselves "Si-yo-kos", or was it the name applied to them by some other tribe? Was it in this form used by the so-called Yachachumne Indians about Stockton?

And do you happen to know whether any Indians of either tribe are still alive; and if so. where they live? I should be very glad to learn the whereabouts of any native Indians south of Sacramento and north of Merced.

In the case of many tribal names, it is difficult at the present day to ascertain whether the names one finds in the literature were as used by the Indians themselves, or as modified by the Spanish and Mexicans.

Thanking you for your trouble in writing,

Very truly yours.

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 6, 1926

Dr. Richard Derby
Oyster Bay
New York

Dear Dr. Derby:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 26 and for the adult female skull of Ursus sheldoni which you secured on Montague Island on November 5 last. The skull arrived yesterday and I have just taken it to the National Museum and entered it as a donation from you.

On comparison with the adult female killed by Sheldon some years ago it is pleasing to note that the two agree in all essential details, in fact are remarkably alike, including the undershot jaw which you mention. It is a fine thing to have this additional adult added to our National Museum Series which now numbers more than 2,000 skulls of the Big Bears--Grizzlies and Big Brown Bears. And it is particularly valuable as augmenting the small series of skulls previously secured from the Island.

It certainly must have been a genuine source of grief to you after setting up your moving picture camera that the bears failed to show up in the daytime.

By this mail I take pleasure in sending you my publications on Ursus sheldoni and Ursus kenaiensis, and also my Revision of the Big Bears published in 1918.

With kind regards and appreciative thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 6, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me the statement of Receipts and Disbursements under the Harriman Fund for the year 1925. It is a satisfaction to find that my account agrees with it to a penny.

The only question is in regard to the interest on time deposit--which for 1924 was $46.25.

Herewith I am transmitting my Expense Account for December 1925, amounting to $112.31, and accompanying vouchers listed below, all of which I shall be obliged if you will kindly pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

With best wishes and greetings of the season,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Zenaida Merriam, Asst., Services	$56.
S. R. Capps, Alaska Bear skulls,	$24.
C. A. Bevans, Alaska Grizzly skull,	$12.
A. H. Twitchell, Alaska Grizzly skull,	$12.
~~Mrs. Dorothy Rankin, coloring 7 slides,~~	~~$ 8.75~~ [on my account]
N.H.Kent, lantern slides and photos,	$21.20

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for December 1925

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	Sleeper, lower, Washington-New Haven		4 50
	Taxi to Hotel Taft		50
	Hotel Taft, room 3 days Dec.28-31, $13.50; 3 meals and phone $3.75		
29-31	6 additional meals (incl annual dinner, Soc.Am.Nats.)	3	17 25
	Sleeper, lower, New Haven-Washington		8 00
	Porters and hand baggage, round trip		4 50
	Subscriptions for year 1926:		1 00
	Bird-Lore		1 50
	Outdoor Life		2 00
	Rod and Gun in Canada		2 00
	American Nature Magazine		3 00
	Journal of Heredity		3 00
	3 rubber erasers .35; 2 colored pencils, .25		60
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C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 6. 1926

Mr. C. A. Bevans
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Having returned from California I have recently examined the skull you sent me from Hoonah, concerning which you wrote on September 17. It arrived in good condition and I have just turned in a voucher of $12 for it. A check for the amount will be sent you in a few days from the Smithsonian Institution.

The words "Rainier McKinley" were written on the label, but I do not understand. What does this entry mean?

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

I assume that the skull came from the Hoonah side of Icy Strait - not the Yakutat or mainland side - can

Jan. 6, 1926

Mr. A. H. Twitchell
Flat. Alaska

My dear Sir:

Since my return from California I have examined the male Grizzly skull you forwarded some time ago. It is in excellent condition and I have just turned in a voucher of $12 for it, a check for which will be sent you shortly from the Smithsonian Institution.

I am obliged for the information you gave about the bear.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

Jan. 6. 1926

Mr. John W. Mailliard
2461 Gough Street
San Francisco

Dear Mr. Maillard:

It is pleasant to hear from you again, and I am obliged for the Indian Creed. The sentiment certainly is admirable.

It is hard to answer your question as to the meaning California Indians put on the word 'power'. For instance, some of the tribes speak of the Grizzly Bear as the personification of power and dignity, explaining that while he possesses a power that is truly terrible he at the same time is dignified and courteous, not displaying his physical strength unless under great provocation.

I heard of you from time to time during the summer and meant to go to see you, but was under the culminating pressure of all of my field work of the past 15 years--it being necessary to finish my work on the distribution and classification of the tribes so that it may be published during the present winter. In obtaining the necessary outstanding material my daughter Zenaida and I drove our car 7500 miles in Northern California and did not complete the job until after the rains had set in.

I hope to see you next season and to find you completely restored.

With best wishes to you all in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 7. 1926

Dear Miss Eastwood:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness and trouble in sending the Christmas greens. The Manzanita is still beautiful and likely to remain so for a long time to come. It is on a bookcase close by my desk where I see it constantly--a happy reminder of our beautiful country.

I attended two of the Scientific meetings at New Haven (those of the Naturalists and of the Anthropologists) and at the close of the meetings went to Cambridge to see Dorothy and her husband and children, remaining with them for several days.

With best wishes and greetings of the season, in which Mrs. Merriam + Zenaida join,

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Miss Alice Eastwood
Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, Calif.

Jan. 7, 1926

Associated Students' Store
Berkeley, California

Dear Sirs:

Please send me a copy of Professor Willis L. Jepson's Manual of Flowering Plants of California. My check for $7.50 on the Crocker Bank is enclosed herewith.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 7. 1926

Secretary, New York Academy of Sciences
77th Street and Central Park, West, New York

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is my check for $4 for which please send me Parts 1 and 2, Volume 9. Mammals of Porto Rico, by H. E. Anthony.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 7, 1926

Dr.W. E. Safford
3339 Mt.Pleasant St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Safford:

Very many thanks for your letter and separates of your important papers which came during my recent visit to New Haven to attend meetings of the several Scientific societies held there during the holidays. I am much interested in these publications and they will be permanently preserved in my Ethno-Botany files.

It is a fine thing to have an authentic record by a man of your standing as to the origin of some of our important food plants.

Thus far I have been unable to find the package of papers, clippings, and so on, by Dr. E. Palmer concerning which we had a phone conversation some time ago. As soon as I locate them I will send them for your perusal.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Telegram

Jan. 7. 1926

Dr. Sterling Bunnell
Pennsylvania Hotel
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dine with us Saturday 6.30. If friend with you bring also.

C. Hart Merriam -

American cam hack "delighted" Bunnell.

January 7, 1926

My dear Mrs. Mexia:

Very many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending us your beautiful photograph of Mount Popocatapetl. It certainly is a lovely picture and is highly appreciated.

With greetings of the season and best wishes from us all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Mrs. Ynes Mexia
Apartado 2084
City of Mexico
Mexico

Jan. 7, 1926

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U.S. Geographic Board
Geological Survey, Washington

Dear Mr. McCormick:

On returning from the holiday meetings of Scientific societies at New Haven I find the accompanying letter and blue prints from the Chief of Engineers, relating to the name of the Northeastern part of Hillsboro Bay, Florida.

With greetings of the season and best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

I have not acknowledged to Chf. Engineer

Jan. 7, 1926

Mr. R. W. Everett
Pisgah Forest
North Carolina

My dear Sir:

Some time ago Colonel J. W. McGuire. Editor of Outdoor Life. wrote me that you had killed a particularly large Bear in Alaska, and that you had measured an 18 inch print of the hind foot of a Bear. But he omitted to state in what part of Alaska the Bear was killed and in what part the track was measured. If you will kindly furnish this information I shall be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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Jan. 8, 1926

Willits Mercantile Co.
Willits, California

Attention of Mr. R. C. J. Ritschel

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of December 24 in regard to supplies for Mrs. Susie Campbell of Sherwood. I am glad to know that you will arrange for the delivery of the merchandise I wish to send her.

Enclosed is my check of $20 on the Crocker Bank, for which please see that the following goods reach Mrs. Campbell:

Flour 100 lbs. [$5.90

Beans 20 lbs. (the kind preferred by the Indians) [24 lbs $2.50]

Bacon or shoulder of ham 10 lbs.(as preferred by the Indians) [9¾ lbs. Bacon $4.70

Coffee 5 lbs. $2.50

Tea 2 lbs. $1.50

Sugar 50 lbs. $3.40

Not knowing your prices for these commodities I do not know just what they will foot up to, but assume that there will remain a balance which you may place at their disposal for tobacco or whatever they may choose.

In accordance with your suggestion I am writing Mrs. Susie Campbell at Longvale, telling her that the articles in question will be awaiting her directions at your store.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Goods delivered Jan. 20.
Pencil figures are as listed
in letter from Willits, merchants, dated Jan. 20, 1926.

Jan. 8, 1926

Mrs. Susie Campbell
Longvale, California

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

When my daughter and I visited you last October you told me that owing to the difficulty of obtaining work, your people were usually hard pressed for food during the winter. I told my friend Dr. W. Barclay Stephens of Alameda about this and he very generously gave me $20 with which to purchase food for you and your people this winter.

I have arranged with the Willits Mercantile Company to put up for you the following:

Flour 100 lbs.

Beans 20 lbs. (the kind preferred by you)

Bacon or shoulder of ham 10 lbs.(as preferred by you)

Coffee 5 lbs.

Tea 2 lbs.

Sugar 50 lbs.

In addition to these there is likely to be a small balance which will be placed at your disposal by the company for the selection of such additional goods as you may choose.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 8, 1926

Teacher of Indian School
Lookout, California

When my daughter and I visited Big Valley late last fall we saw Mrs. Lottie O'Neal and others at the rancheria back of the schoolhouse.

On returning to our summer place at Lagunitas we sent her by parcel post a package of clothing which I trust she received.

I now wish to send her some groceries and shall be obliged if you will give me the name of a reliable firm or store at Lookout from which I may order the goods desired. If there is no such store at Lookout, kindly let me know the one you would recommend in the nearest other place.

Trusting you are having success in your school work,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 8. 1926

Dear Lyman:

Your saucy letter just arrived. Glad to know you folks like Nelson's Mammal book. It is a good outline to build on.

Yes, I spent three or four days at the New Haven meetings and then went to Cambridge to see my offspring and theirs--first time in many years.

Went to New Haven with two car loads of Washington Scientific men on special night train. Returned from Cambridge on Sunday and had just time in New York to make the taxi trip from Grand Central to B.& O.. and arrived home at ten p.m.,facing a dreadful accumulation of work. Haven't been in New York for five or six years.

Thanks for the details of your address. If I go to New York this winter, as is possible, I will try to bother you.

Where did you say you saw that neck yoke? I want to buy one. Prefer the kind we used to carry our Adirondack boats on, but if you don't know where I can get one of these am willing to substitute the kind we used to tote two buckets of water with.

Saw Floddie last night. She is a great girl and seems likely to weather the rest of the winter. When am I going to see the rest of your girls, especially that naughty Sally whom I remember sitting on the dining room table, mixing mustard, vinegar, and ink.

With love to you all,

Hart

Mr. Lyman L. Merriam
Ossining,New York

Jan. 9, 1926

Mr. Nelson H. Kent
2122 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kent:

Herewith I am sending you two publications containing pictures which I shall be very glad if you will make negatives from, and three prints each, and one slide each.

In the case of the one published in the San Francisco newspaper, **The Wild West**, Dec. 31. 1854, I shall be very glad if you will make the negative and prints the same size as the published cut.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Jan. 11, 1926

Professor B. W. Evermann
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California

Dear Professor Evermann:

If you have plenty of copies of Anthony's Birds and Mammals of Guadalupe Island. published by the Academy, September 5, 1925 (Vol. 14 of the Proceedings, pp.277-320) I should be greatly obliged for two copies, or if you cannot spare two one will answer.

Was sorry not to see more of you last season, but owing to your absence in Hawaii and my absence in the field , and the pressure under which I was working, it was very difficult to find time to visit the Academy.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 11, 1926

Dr. A. K. Fisher
U. S. Biological Survey

Dear Dr. Fisher:

Replying to your enquiry of the 8th instant received today, would say that I have not seen the Bear skulls to which you refer, sent by Dr. Lyman of Cambridge. So far as I am aware no one on the Biological Survey or elsewhere has notified me of the receipt of any such specimens.

Incidentally, it might be added that from time to time during the past two or three years Bear skulls intended for my examination have been received by the Survey and the person or persons in charge have been to busy to notify me thereof, by reason of which several embarrasing conditions have already arisen.

I shall be glad to learn something about Dr. Lyman's specimens and I am wondering whether they came from Northeastern Asia or some other part of the world.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I have already written to the museum 2 or 3 times to ascertain if the skulls have come in while I was in California. &c

Jan. 12, 1926

Mr. A. H. Howell
U.S.Biolcgical Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howell:

Herewith I am returning the Journal of Walter Hoxie covering his work in 1888 in Florida, where I sent him to make collections of birds and mammals for the Biological Survey.

I am glad to have the words he gives in the Seminole language and have had them copied. In some cases the spelling is difficult to decipher, and in a few cases where the same word occurs again after an interval, the two words are quite different. Nevertheless, I am very glad to have the vocabulary, such as it is.

We really ought to have the Journal to add to the Biological Survey collection of field journals.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Thanks for calling my attention to the Seminole material & leaving me the Journal—CHM

Jan. 12, 1926

Dear Sheldon:

In glancing over one of the Heye Museum publications I was rather surprised to find the following brief paragraph indicating that Heye had sent Davis to Tiburon Island to make a collection of Sere material.

The paragraph in question is as follows:

"Mr. E. H. Davis has finished the collection of ethnological material among the Yaqui of Sonora mainland and the Seri of Tiburon island in the Gulf of California, and forwarded the objects to the Museum, by official permission of the Mexican Government."

Museum Am. Ind., Heye Foundation
Indian Notes, Vol.1, No.3, p.166, July 1924

As ever yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Charles Sheldon
1830 Phelps Place
Washington, D. C.

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Jan. 12, 1926

Librarian
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me a price list of the Anthropological Papers published by the Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Jan. 13, 1926

Miss A. Katherine Berger
Editor, Natural History Magazine
American Museum of Natural History
New York City

My dear Miss Berger:

Will you allow me to call attention to one or two matters in connection with the editorial treatment of Natural History which in my judgment might be so changed as to materially enhance the value of the publication, namely: The first page of each issue of the Magazine recites the volume, the month, and the serial number, but curiously enough **omits the year**. Hence those of us who don't treasure covers and advertisements must be very careful to write the year on this first page of every number.

The other point I wish to mention is the melancholy one of printing two successive articles on the same or closely related subjects in such manner that the last page of one article is on the back side of the first page of the other, thus making it impossible to save both except by the laborious process of making a typewritten copy of one of the pages in question--and this is often impossible by reason of an illustration.

You may not be familiar with the sad fact that an increasingly large number of scientific men have little faith in their own memories, finding after the lapse of a few years that they are utterly unable to locate magazine articles concerning which they still retain a dim recollection. One way to atone for this human

failing is to file each article under the subject heading to which it belongs. This I have been doing for more than 40 years. By this means, when for instance the subject of interest is the Fauna of Rancho La Brea, one turns to his La Brea file with the expectation of finding practically everything of value thus far published. Similarly, when interested in Pithecanthropus he turns to his file on the Ancestors of mankind.

But when collecting articles from the November-December issue of Natural History, he finds an important paper on the California Tar Pools by your distinguished President, ending on page 543 (which it completely fills) and discovers to his dismay that the most recent article on The Skull and Brain of Pithecanthropus begins on the other side of the same page, what is he to do? Must he throw away one article in order to save the other, or must he go to the trouble of writing a letter to the Museum, enclosing the price of a duplicate number? And even so, one feels most reluctant to destroy a copy of either article.

A course which I have recommended in the case of certain other scientific journals is that no two articles on the same or a closely related subject be printed in contact--an article on a wholly different subject being sandwiched between. This makes it possible to save all the articles on the same or related subjects in each issue.

The permanent value of most of the articles appearing in Natural History emboldens me to make the foregoing suggestions.

With best wishes for the continued high standing of the Magazine,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 14, 1926

Professor Theodore Lyman
Harvard University

My dear Professor Lyman:

Within the past few days I have received letters from both Dr. A. K. Fisher and Dr. E. W. Nelson in regard to Bear skulls recently presented by you to the Biological Survey. I had not previously heard about them and had no idea where they came from. But I went to the Museum before 9 this morning and spent the forenoon in studying your Jarvis Creek skulls in comparison with such skulls as we could find from the same general neighborhood--Kluane, Donjek, and adjacent localities.

Following are provisional identifications, using your original numbers:

No. 1 ♂ juv July 27 Ursus pallasi
No. 2 ♀ ad Aug. 1 Ursus pallasi
No. 3 ♀ juv Aug. 4 Ursus pallasi
No. 4 ♂ yg-ad Aug.11 Ursus kluane

The only adult among the four Jarvis Creek skulls is the old female, your No. 2. Numbers 1 and 3 are too young to afford anything more than tooth characters, but they appear to be referable to pallasi, as above stated. No. 4, the largest skull in the lot, is a young adult, with good teeth, of Ursus kluane.

The Biological Survey collection of more than 2000

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skulls of Big Bears has been for several years past in a state of utter chaos, so that it was impracticable to find specimens needed for comparison. At the present moment, however, they are being rearranged geographically so that in the near future we hope to be able to find any needed specimen at short notice.

The skulls you have been kind enough to contribute are valued additions to the collection and I wish to express my appreciation of your generosity in donating them.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 14, 1926

Mr. Alfred M. Collins
President, Wilderness Club
226 Columbia Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Collins:

It is a matter of genuine regret that I find myself unable to accept the invitation of the Wilderness Club for the annual dinner on Saturday, and your personal invitation for luncheon in your Game Room at Bryn Mawr on Sunday.

It would be a great pleasure to be present on both of these occasions, but I do not feel able to go.

For several years past I have felt it necessary to give up dinners and similar functions, the only exception being the annual dinner of the American Society of Naturalists of which I had the misfortune to be President.

With kind regards and many regrets,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 14, 1926

Dr. H.H.T Jackson
U. S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of the 9th instant in regard to the skull of a Brown Bear sent the Biological Survey by C. A. Bevans of Hoonah.

Payment for the skull was made by the Smithsonian about two weeks ago and has doubtless reached Mr. Bevans before this.

I am returning the several documents you sent me in order that they may be filed in case you deem it necessary, otherwise I would destroy them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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Jan.14, 1926

Dr. W. E. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Your letter of the 12th instant asking me to examine some Bear skulls presented to the Survey by Professor Theodore Lyman reached me yesterday.

Accordingly, I went to the Museum before 9 this morning and spent the forenoon there in working over his specimens in connection with such others as Howell and Mrs. Snyder were able to find. At the present moment, as you may know, the Bear skull collection is being arranged (in a general way by localities) so that in the course of a few days we may hope to be able to find a needed skull without wasting several days in the search.

I have provisionally determined Professor Lyman's four skulls from Jarvis Creek as follows:

Original numbers
1. ♂ juv Ursus pallasi
2. ♀ ad Ursus pallasi
3. ♀ juv Ursus pallasi
4. ♂ yg-ad Ursus kluane

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 15, 1926

Mr. R. W. Everett
Pisgah Forest.
North Carolina

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness in answering my inquiry about the Big Bear you killed in Alaska. The locality, Pavlof Bay country, stamps the species beyond question as Ursus gyas, the huge Alaska Peninsula Brown Bear. I am glad to know also that the hind foot actually measured 17 inches in length. This, I suppose, includes the claws. [He says not.]

Your estimate of the beast's weight as at least 1700 pounds does not surprise me. I am glad to have the measurements you have been kind enough to give and should be greatly obliged for a copy of the photograph you mention. These Bears vary greatly in color.

I look forward with interest to the appearance of your article in Outdoor Life.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 15, 1926

Miss Stella Clemence
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Miss Clemence:

The lost is found. Zenaida in looking for another book came across Brook's Four Months Among the Gold Finders on the top shelf of the hall bookcase near the front door. I am passing it to you herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 15, 1926

My dear Mrs. Armer:

Thanks for your letter from Chicago. I was wondering what had become of you.

In accordance with your request I am sending you herewith by express a carbon of the Annikadel story, and shall be obliged if when you have done with it you will return it by express, charges collect.

While Jă-ne'-nah was the Spirit or Shadow of Flowers, the name is used specifically for the red tiger lily.

With best wishes, and kindest regards to the Halls when you see them,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Laura Adams Armer
1329 Arch Street
Berkeley, California

Jan. 15, 1926

Professor A. Franklin Shull
Secretary, American Society of Naturalists
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Dear Professor Shull:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th instant just received. In accordance with your suggestion, I shall be very glad if you will kindly ask W.A.Riley and C.P.Sigerfoos if they are willing to act as auditing committee for the Treasury's Report.

As to the nominating committee of five: It would be a farce for me to name the men as I know hardly any of them. I shall be very glad therefore if you will kindly make the selection and notify them that they have been appointed.

It is a comfort to have a man "in the swim" willing to take the trouble to help an old man out as you have helped me.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 16, 1926

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Indian Defense Association
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Bowler:

Your letter of December 16 came just as I was leaving for New England and your letter of January 9 has just arrived.

I am glad to know that you are planning a systematic campaign for building up the membership of the Indian Defense Association of California.

The Northern Branch of the Association ought to purchase a small car by means of which you, accompanied by a competent nurse if practicable, could visit the numerous scattered rancherias in the northern part of the State.

There is only one way to learn of the needs of our California Indians and that is to visit them in their homes and spend enough time with them to become familiar with the conditions under which they live.

You speak of having a bill in process of drafting intended for the relief of California Indians in the matter of health. Let me urge that it is already late: all bills of this nature should be in the hands of the Committee at this time. The Raker Bill has been before the Committee for some time and is likely to be passed. Personally, I do not altogether approve it and I am enclosing herewith Suggestions for Legislation for Relief of California Indians.

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It is good that you have recently visited some of the Indians in Southern California in order to learn first hand something of their condition and needs; and I trust that in the near future you will become personally acquainted with a number of the small bands in the northern part of the State.

I am told by Congressmen that in order to secure the passage of a bill for the relief of California Indians it is necessary to get the California Delegation behind it. Congressman Lea of Santa Rosa is not on the Indian Committee. In fact, California suffers the disadvantage of not having a single representative on this Committee. But Walter F. Lineberger of Long Beach is said to be much interested in the welfare of California Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

For suggested Legislation (enclosed with this letter)
See 275-281

Jan. 16, 1926

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, U.S. Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

A letter this moment received from Franklin T. Hittell of San Francisco states that on January 6, instant, he killed a male Sprig Duck bearing a metal band No. 297454. The exact locality was a point on the East Bay Shore at the Plummer Duck Club, three miles west of Newark. The duck was in fine condition and plumage.

If you will let me know where the bird was banded I will write Hittell. It might be a good idea for the Survey to write him direct. His address is 808 Turk Street--of ancient memories.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1926.

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary,
United States Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for your letter of the 13th instant giving me the decisions of the Board for the session of January 6th in relation to place names in the Sierra Nevada of California.

I am glad to have these and assume that others will be considered later.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 16, 1926.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah
California.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Doubtless you have been wondering why you did not hear from me. The principal reason is that I did not want to write until I had something to say, and matters of legislation concerning Indians have thus far gone on very slowly.

Congressman Raker has been extremely ill as you may have heard. He underwent a serious operation in a hospital here in Washington before my return from California and is still in a critical condition, so that I have not seen him.

I have, however, seen Mr. Lea of Santa Rosa and Mr. Scott Leavitt of Montana, Chairman of the House Committee on Indian Affairs. To both I have recommended legislation for a lump fund payment to Indians based on the value in 1852 of the lands taken from them by the Americans, excepting the Mission Strip. But I doubt if anything comes of it.

The indications are that the Raker Bill, with or without modification, will be passed by the House and very likely also by the Senate.

During the next few days I expect to see Congressman W. F. Lineberger of Los Angeles County. He is said to be much interested in legislation for California Indians.

An item of interest is that the Indian Defense Association of North and Central California has appointed Miss Alida C. Bowler, with headquarters at 1010 Mills Building, San Francisco, to investigate conditions in North California and help as far as she can. I do not know her personally but she writes as if much in earnest.

I regret that I am unable at present to give a more favorable report. Will let you know when anything happens.

With best wishes to yourself and family, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

SUGGESTIONS FOR LEGISLATION FOR RELIEF OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS

By C. Hart Merriam

Two articles of Federal legislation appear to be needed for the relief of California Indians: One, a provision for the compensation of surviving California Indians for lands taken away from their tribes by the Americans without payment or recompense of any kind; the other an interpretation of the clause in the Enabling Act of the California Land Claims Law of 1851 requiring land claimants to present their claims to the Federal Land Commissioners within two years.

Compensation for Lands.

In the matter of legislation intended to compensate Indians for lands confiscated by the whites, attention should be called to the Raker Bill, passed by the last Congress, but not signed by the President. This bill gives California Indians the right to bring suit in the Court of Claims for compensation for certain lands set apart as Reservations by California Indian Commissioners under Treaties executed with eighteen California tribes in 1851 and 1852. Said Treaties were never confirmed by the Senate and therefore are without legal status. Why should a measure intended for the relief of Indians concern itself with unratified and legally non-existent Treaties?

And furthermore, the Raker Bill contains an offset clause providing for a huge deduction from the amount due the Indians, charging against their equity the full amount of

expenditures through the Indian Office for schools, teachers, agents, doctors, salaries, traveling expenses and incidentals of all kinds amounting in the aggregate to millions of dollars--a sum so large, in the opinion of the Indian Office, that nothing would be left for the Indians.

It is generally admitted that great injustice has been done the Indians of California. We have confiscated their lands, driven them into remote and inhospitable parts of the State, deprived them of their natural food, imprisoned them for killing deer or taking fish, inoculated them with fatal diseases; and for a period of at least fifteen years (1849-1864) we hunted and shot them down by hundreds. The United States took possession of California in 1846. From that time till the present, citizens of the United States have occupied millions of acres of land belonging to the Indians, have profited by hundreds of millions of dollars from the use of these lands, and yet to this day neither the white citizens of California, the State of California, nor the United States Government has paid the Indians one dollar for any of these lands.

At the time of the invasion of California by the Spanish Padres the whole of the land now included in the State was owned and occupied by Indians, and the boundaries between the tribes were as definite and fixed as those between our states and counties.

During the period of Spanish and Mexican control (up to 1846) many thousands of acres of Indian lands were seized and the Indians themselves killed or carried away to work at the

missions.

The area occupied by the invaders consisted almost wholly of what came to be known as 'The Mission Strip'--a coastal belt extending from the Mexican border northward to a little beyond San Francisco Bay. Farther north, on the coast, the Russians had established a settlement known as Fort Ross; while at a few other points outside the Mission Strip the Spanish or Mexican Governments had made concessions or grants to certain early settlers. The most important of these was the one to General Sutter, who, on the site of the present city of Sacramento, had built a fort called by him New Helvitia, but universally known as Sutter's Fort.

Hence at the time the United States took possession of California, the Indian lands within the Mission Strip and a few small areas elsewhere were already in possession of foreigners.

It follows that the accountability of the United States in the matter of Indian lands began with the period of American dominion, and that so far as the Mission Strip and other Spanish or Mexican concessions are concerned our Government may be exonerated from responsibility (except in the fulfilment of the terms of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo).

The responsibility of the Federal Government is thus materially reduced but still includes by far the greater part of the State.

Is it not the duty of the Federal Government therefore to compensate the surviving Indians, not for a few mythical

reservations, but for the lands actually held and occupied by their tribes at the date of the American possession? The rate of compensation might be fixt at the low value of the lands at that time.

Assuming that Congress is willing to compensate the surviving Indians for these lands, why incur the expense and delay of a suit in the Court of Claims? Why not dispose of the matter once for all by a direct appropriation, to be placed in the hands of:

1. A Federal Commission; or
2. A Joint Commission, consisting of representatives of both the Federal Government and the State of California; or
3. The State of California--to be disbursed under State auspices, the State to assume future obligations.

In the latter case it is suggested that an appropriate agency might consist of a commission made up of the heads of the following existing departments, boards and offices, to serve without compensation:

State Board of Control
Public Health
Public Welfare
State Department of Education
Agriculture
Public Works
And one additional member to be appointed by the Governor.

Interpretation of Land Claims Law of 1851

In the matter of interpretation of the Land Claims Law of 1851, attention is called to the fact that in recent years several cases intended as measures of justice to California Indians have been decided adversely by the courts on the ground that the Land Claims Law of 1851 specifies:

"that each and every person claiming lands in California by virtue of any right or title derived from the Mexican or Spanish governments shall present the same to the said commissioners....within two years after the date of this act"

in default of which said lands shall be

"considered as part of the public domain of the United States".

The Indians knew nothing of this law--which, in fact, was not intended to apply to them at all--and of course failed to appear before the commissioners. Nevertheless it has come to pass that suits brought to recover for lands taken from Indians have been thrown out of court because claims for said lands had not been filed with the Land Commissioners three-quarters of a century ago!

To persons familiar with the history of California, particularly with reference to the Land Grant System prevailing under Spanish and Mexican rule, it is obvious that the Land Claims Law was intended to apply solely to Mexicans and other whites then holding land in California--NOT to the native Indians. This is not left to inference but is conclusively proved by the phraseology of the law itself, which refers to persons "claiming lands in California by virtue of any right or title derived from the Mexican or Spanish governments."

The lands belonging to California Indians were held NOT "by virtue of any right or title derived from the Mexican or Spanish governments", but by right of prior possession and occupancy.

Section 16 of the Land Claims Law provides:

"That it shall be the duty of the commissioners herein provided for to ascertain and report to the Secretary of the Interior the tenure by which the mission lands are held, and those held by civilized Indians, and those who are engaged in agriculture or labor of any kind, and also those which are occupied and cultivated by Pueblos or Rancheros [Rancheria] Indians."

The provisions of this Section have never been complied with--no report having been made to the Secretary of the Interior as to the tenure of land "held by civilized Indians, and those who are engaged in agriculture or labor of any kind, and also those which are occupied and cultivated by Pueblos or Rancheros Indians."

The last clause is of great importance for the reason that it applies to practically all the Indian lands of California. For Indian lands were held collectively--as tribal or rancheria (village) possessions--NOT as personal or individual holdings. And furthermore, from the nature of the case it was impossible for the Commissioners to carry out their instructions as to lands "occupied and cultivated by Pueblos or Rancheros Indians", for the very good reason that at the

time of the Commission there were in California hundreds of occupied rancherias or villages, utterly unknown to either the Spaniards, the Mexicans, or the Americans.

It is obvious therefore that the Land Claims Law of 1851 cannot in justice be appealed to as authority for ignoring the land rights of California Indians--rights made sacred by centuries of possession and occupancy. But because it has been so cited by the courts, and because by reason of a misunderstanding of its provisions, cases have been decided against the Indians--and in order to forestall similar injustices in future--Congress should be asked to enact a clause specifically exempting California Indians from its provisions.

Jan. 18, 1926

Dear Frank:

Thanks for yours of the 10th instant. Glad you liked the book on Dogs. I agree with you that it is a pretty good thing to have in the family.

The Sprig Duck you killed on Jan. 6 three miles west of Newark was banded at Irvington, Jan. 24, 1925, by a man named A. M. Shields, and therefore evidently came back to approximately the same locality.

Was sorry not to see you before leaving, but our free hours didn't seem to fit.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join me in love and best wishes to you and Coey.

As ever,
C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Franklin T. Hittell
808 Turk Street
San Francisco, California

Jan. 18, 1926

Secretary, N.Y. Academy of Sciences
77th St. and Central Park, West
New York City

Dear Sir:

On January 7, I sent you $4 for Parts 1 and 2 of Anthony's Mammals of Porto Rico, in accordance with the advertisement of the same.

A week ago Part 1 was received in an envelope by itself. Since then I have been looking for Part 2, but it has not yet arrived.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 18, 1926

Dear Henry:

When did George W. Wheeler die? And do you know whether or not he was sick for a long period? And do you happen to know whether he lived in Washington continuously after his retirement from the army? I met him a few times after this, but know practically nothing of his life between his retirement and death.

The question has come up in connection with some work Francis Farquhar is doing for the Sierra Club, and I find myself unable to answer his questions. Maybe you can help out.

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Henry W. Henshaw
The Ontario
Washington, D. C.

hope that you both will be able to visit us at Lagunitas in the not distant future.

I am interested in what you tell me about the behavior of Hawks during heavy winds and storms in your region. It certainly is strange that they can remain motionless facing these tremendous storms. I don't understand the reason.

Mrs. Hittell is certainly to be congratulated on the close-up view she had of the Mountain Lion near Sunol. It was a rare experience. I have seen very few live ones in my rather long life of field work in the forests.

Elizabeth and Zenaida join me in love to you and yours,

As ever,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Carlos J.Hittell
San Jose, California

January 18, 1926

Dear Carlos:

Thanks for your interesting letter of the 4th instant. Glad to know you enjoyed the Horse Book. I knew your fondness for this particular kind of locomotion. I should have been glad to see the parade of horses with the silver mounted California saddles and bridles of which you speak. But for the last few years I have felt it necessary to spend every possible hour on my work in the hope of finishing parts of it in order to publish some of the results while I am still alive. I have wanted to drive with Elizabeth and Zenaida to see you and your good wife at your Alum Rock home, but the pressure of work has postponed the visit. And we still live in

Jan. 19, 1926

Dear Doctor Stephens:

We were all deeply grieved to learn of your mother's death. But on the other hand it is a satisfaction to know that she brought up such fine additions to our population, was so lovable and helpful, and lived to such a ripe age without losing her mental faculties.

Since writing you I attended the Scientific meetings of the Anthropologists and the American Society of Naturalists (of which I had the misfortune to be President) and then took a night train to Boston to visit my daughter and her family who met me at the station and drove me to their beautiful home in Cambridge.

Since returning I have been attempting to catch up with accumulated work and to make a start toward publication. I have nearly completed arrangements with the Geological Survey to construct the necessary maps at cost (by transfer of part of the Harriman Fund from the Smithsonian) and hope to have the work started in the very near future.

You must have had a fine time during the holidays with all your children at home.

I am late in thanking you for the two Audubon-Bachman plates which you were kind enough to send me at Christmas time. I have kept the Prairie Dog labeled as Lewis Marmot and have turned over to Vernon Bailey the one showing a Bank Rat and two

species of Meadow Mice--one of his pet groups and one concerning which he has published a Revision.

It is fine to know that your hospital has so many occupants.

Our grandchildren and their mother and father exert a strong pull on the rest of the family, as a result of which Elizabeth is beginning to plan a trip to Cambridge--Dorothy not being able to come to us.

After a week or ten days of snow we were favored with a warm rain yesterday which carried off the snow.

With love to you all from all of us,

As ever,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay St.
Alameda, California

Jan. 19, 1926

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

Thanks for yours of the 18th instant enclosing a most interesting report from Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.

I had not heard of Coolidge until you spoke of him Sunday and have not seen his skulls from Admiralty Island. I will look at them in the near future, provided Howell has progressed far enough with the new arrangement to be able to find our Admiralty Island specimens for comparison. But unfortunately all of Coolidge's three skulls are females. This is very distressing.

Just below the middle of page 10 of his Report the typewriter has made Coolidge say that in mid-July the Bears "ate wild carrots and still more deer cabbage, with blue berries, wine, salmon, and raspberries thrown in". The question is how the Bears got their wine and what kind of wine it was and also whether they had the necessary permit. Perhaps you can clear this up.

In several places Coolidge gives interesting information about the food, continually mentioning deer cabbage and sometimes wild carrots as important elements. He also

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states that he enclosed samples of leaves and flowers of these plants. I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly tell me the species of these as identified by the Department Botanist.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

Mr. P. A. Taverner
Geological Survey
Ottawa, Canada

My dear Mr. Taverner:

Many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the three separates just received.

It goes without saying that I am much pleased to see that Hedley Mitchell, in his Birds of Saskatchewan, gives a colored frontispiece showing the life zones of the territory. The paper is an excellent contribution.

I am glad also to have Hamilton Laing's paper on Birds observed on the Cruise of the Thiepval in the North Pacific. But is not his introductory paragraph a trifle foggy in the matter of location? He speaks of Skylarks and Cuckoos but omits to say where they were. And when he tells us that "Even in harbour the Band-tailed Gulls seldom came very close to the ship" one is inquisitive enough to wonder what harbor he is talking about. Anyhow I am very glad to have the papers.

With best wishes and thanks,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

The Hon.
The Commissioner of Indians Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have not yet seen your recent Annual Report and shall be obliged if you will kindly send two copies to the above address.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

Miss A. E. White, Secretary
Eastern Association on Indian Affairs
115 East 55th St., New York City

My dear Miss White:

A few days ago I received a printed notice stating that in the matter of the alarming spread of trachoma among the Indians "RESOLVED, that we urge Congress to take immediate and effective action."

You may be interested to know that during my recent field work in Northeastern California I encountered an appaling number of cases of trachoma among the Pit River and Piute Indians. And in taking a photograph of eight Northern Piute Indians gathered at my car, no fewer than five had trachoma in an advanced stage; one of them was entirely blind, and another nearly blind.

On speaking to Superintendent Gray of the Fort Bidwell School, I was told that fully 50% of the Indians of the region were now suffering from trachoma. I was told also that a doctor was sent to the school to treat trachoma for a period of two months once in two years!

Trusting that something may be done to lessen this terrible condition,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

Mr. George S. Edwards, Treas.
Indian Defense Association of Santa Barbara
Santa Barbara, California

My dear Sir:

The enclosed financial memorandum arrived a few days ago. I am a little at a loss to know just what it means. If I remember correctly the annual dues have been at the rate of $2.50. The present bill speaks of a previous "contribution" and in the blank bill uses the form "I hereby subscribe".

I am not prepared at this time to make either a 'contribution' or a 'subscription', but I am enclosing my check on the Crocker Bank for $2.50 in payment of my annual dues as I understand it.

I pay dues of exactly double this amount to the Indian Defence Association of Northern and Central California, and have also contributed to the Pueblo Fund.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

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Jan. 19, 1926

Mr. J. W. Henderson
President, Indian Board of Cooperation
3 City Hall Avenue, San Francisco

My dear Mr. Henderson:

Your letter arrived during my absence in New Haven.

The report which you quote that "when I got to Washington I would see that Mr. Collett was put out of the work" is too preposterous to be entertained for a moment.

I have said, however, that Mr. Collett was justified in obtaining money to pay the lawyers who were working on the Karok Case, but that I did not know of any reason why he should collect money in connection with the Court of Claims Bill.

When Mr. Collett took a handful of his Indian supporters to the Governor to induce him to veto two bills passed by the State Legislature for the benefit of California Indians, asserting, according to the press, that he represented the views of eleven thousand Indians, I admit that I lost respect for him.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

Mr. Smith Riley
Box 204, Greenlawn
Long Island, New York

My dear Mr. Riley:

Your letter of December 20 came just as I was leaving for New Haven and Cambridge, and since my return I have been too pressed with accumulated work to reply earlier.

You say that since I consider the introduction of Grizzly Bears into California "pernicious practice" you would be glad if I would suggest someone else who can advise you about such matters.

This reminds me of the man who sought a pal to aid him in breeking into a house known to contain valuables. The man he approached regarded this as "pernicious practice", whereupon he asked him to suggest someone else who would help him do the job!

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 19, 1926

Mr. Carl I. Wheat
California Railroad Commission
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Wheat:

Very many thanks for your letter of December 22 offering to ascertain the price at which photographic copies of the two maps mentioned in your letter could be made (one of 1854, the other of 1856).

I am not particularly interested in the railroads but am greatly interested in the names and positions of streams and other geographic features as known in the years mentioned.

If the photographer could make good clear negatives of these, say on 8 x 10 plates or even 5 x 7, I could have them enlarged here to the size of the original. This probably would be the better course and I should be greatly obliged if you can let me know the price at which he would be willing to do this work. Or if this is not practicable, I could write direct to Dr. Priestley of the Bancroft Library who probably would have the copying done for me, as in previous cases.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Professor F. M. Conser
Superintendent, Sherman Institute
Riverside, California

Jan. 19, 1926

My dear Professor Conser:

Thanks for your reply of January 5 to my inquiry about certain so-called tribal names published in the Sherman Bulletin of September 11, 1925.

The name 'Kishyi' given you by "a pupil from Covelo" must be, I think, the Kashia (or Kachia) tribe inhabiting the coast from a little south of Gualala to the mouth of Russian River, with headquarters at Stewarts Point. Her application, you tell me, was signed by the Superintendent of her Reservation. Does this mean that there is now a Superintendent of Round Valley? Or that the man in question was the rascal who died?

The name 'Cayamaro', given by a student from Healdsburg, is a Spanish name spelled in a variety of ways and usually applied indiscriminately to Indians of the Santa Rosa-Sebastopol Plain and adjacent stretch of Russian River. It is a foolish name with no tribal significance.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 20, 1926

Dr. Charles Whitebread
Division of Medicine
U. S. National Museum

Dear Doctor Whitebread:

Thanks for information in regard to specimens figured in your recent report concerning which I inquired.

Since writing you I have seen another peper of yours, the one entitled The Indian Medical Exhibit of the Division of Medicine in the United States National Museum, published in the Museum Proceedings, Vol.67, Article 10. Here, unfortunately, are a number of cases similar to those I asked about from the other paper. I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly furnish similar data (name of tribe and locality) for the following:

Fig.1. Priest-Doctor's Lodge.

Fig.8. Animal Mask and Rattles (three specimens,possibly from different tribes).

Fig.9a Necklace of Grizzly claws said to be worn by "American Indians"--equivalent to saying that a particular specimen came from Eurasia.

Fig.9b Said to be a 'Pah Ute' Indian amulet. Inasmuch as the name Pah Ute has been and still is applied to two widely different and geographically remote tribes of Shoshonean stock, it would be of interest to know where the amulet came from.

Fig.10. Talisman,said to be a bunch of white feathers in the paraphernalia of "an Indian medicine man"--without information as to which of the 200 or more tribes of American Indians the medicine men belonged to.

Fig.11a. Wood carving belonging to an "Alaskan Indian medicine man". In view of the many tribes in Alaska the information is of little use without definite data. The same is true of the Indian fetich (fig.11c); the Bone tube (fig.12,said to be used by the Medicine man,without information as to tribe or locality; the Mortar and Pestle (fig.15); and the Bundle of Wild-Cherry bark (fig.16) concerning which information is given that would be of value if anything were known as to the tribe and locality.

The same is true also of the Yellow root to hasten childbirth, mentioned on p.23; and of the Buffalo horns (fig.17) on the same page, neither of which have information as to tribe or locality.

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On trying to understand why a scientific man should record items of so much interest without in each case giving the more important fundamental fact, I have arrived at the explanation that you are writing as a medical man, not as an anthropologist. A doctor, as I know from personal experience, is concerned with the medicine appropriate to a particular case and has little interest in the source of the medicine. An anthropologist, on the contrary, demands information as to the people and place where any object or fact came from.

Trusting that you will pardon me for speaking so plainly and for troubling you with so many questions,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

January 20, 1926.

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly put Miss Miriam Holmes on the salary roll under the Harriman Fund beginning January 16, 1926, on which date she began work as stenographer and assistant, at the rate of $125 per month.

Recently I have been trying to arrange with the Geological Survey for the reproduction of my maps of California Indian Tribes. Mr. Kubel, in charge of the map work, wants to know whether or not the bill can be paid from the Harriman Fund -- whether the amount due may be transferred from the Harriman Fund under the Smithsonian to the Geological Survey. Can you inform me as to this?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 21, 1926

Committee on Admissions
Cosmos Club, Washington

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Coert DuBois whose name has been posted for membership in the Cosmos Club is a man of parts. He has held important offices in the Forest Service and in the Department of State, serving in the Consular Service in Paris, Naples, and Port Said. A year or two ago he was recalled to Washington and transferred to the position of Chief of the Vise Bureau.

Mr. DuBois is a recognized authority on Immigration and is a man of high standing. I take pleasure in endorsing his nomination.

Respectfully,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 21, 1926

Colonel W. B. Greeley
Chief, Forest Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Greeley:

In accordance with your suggestion I have just dictated a letter to the Committee on Admission endorsing the nomination of Coert DuBois and recommending him for election.

During the past few years I have not seen much of him, but what I have heard about him from time to time has confirmed my opinion as to his ability and high standing.

Thanking you for calling my attention to the matter.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 21, 1926

Mr. R. W. Everett
Pisgah Forest
North Carolina

My dear Sir:

Many thanks for your letter of the 18th instant in reply to my inquiries about your Big Bear. He certainly was a monster.

I am glad to know how the big foot was measured, and am obliged also for the photographs. Shall I keep these, or do you wish them returned?

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

Jan. 21, 1926

The Hon.
Scott Leavitt
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

In reply to your inquiry I regret to say that I do not know of any Bills for the relief of California Indians now being prepared by Members of the California Congressional Delegation.

The Commonwealth Club of California had in hand, when I left the State in November, memoranda toward the preparation of a Bill which, if I am correctly informed, has been combined with suggestions from the Indian Defense Association and is liable to reach Washington in a few days. The memorandum which I left with you a few days ago was presented by me at the last meeting at which I was present of the Indian Section of the Commonwealth Club, and was satisfactory to them except that Mr. Elkus thought it important to emphasize the fact that the Eighteen Treaties executed with California Indians in 1851-52 were not confirmed by the Senate and that the Indians had never received the promised rewards. This, I believe, was fully explained by Mr. Raker in the documents accompanying his Bill (H.R.12123, February 3, 1925).

One point on which the Commonwealth Club was unanimous and on which they felt very strongly was that moneys appropriated by Congress for the relief of California Indians should be transferred directly to the State of California, as outlined in the

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memorandum left with you a few days ago.

The Commonwealth Club was much exercised over the prevalence of trachome in certain parts of California, and in connection with the State Board of Health undertook the preparation of a special memorandum on that subject, which has not yet reached me.

I am obliged for your courtesy in referring me to Mr. Lineberger, whom I have just seen. He suggests that action on the Raker Bill be deferred for the present.

It is unfortunate that no Representative from California is a member of your Committee.

Very truly yours,

E. Kent Hewen

Jan. 21, 1926

The Hon.
Walter F. Lineberger
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

In accordance with your request I obtained copies of the Baker Bill (H.R. 12123, introduced February 3,1925, and according to the Clerk of the Document Room not yet reintroduced this Session), and am enclosing one herewith.

You will observe the objectionable offset clause on the second page.

The San Francisco Branch of the Commonwealth Club was emphatically insistent in urging that funds appropriated for the benefit of California Indians should be placed not in the Indian Office where the overhead is said to be at least 60 percent) but in the State of California, as outlined on page 4 of the memorandum I left with you this morning.

I did not mention the matter of trachoma, which is appalingly prevalent among the Indians of Northeastern California and also I am told among the Yuma Indians, for the reason that a special memorandum on this subject is being prepared by the Commonwealth Club.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 21, 1926

Mr. P. Martinelli
Lagunitas, California

Dear Mr. Martinelli:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter of December 17. It arrived just as I was leaving to attend the annual meetings of several Scientific societies at New Haven, Connecticut, after which I went to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to visit my daughter Dorothy and her family.

Of course you are more than welcome to those terra cotta pipes you speak of. Help yourself to them.

I am obliged to you for closing the valves of the pipes leading to the house.

We were greatly pained to learn of the death of Mrs. Shurtleff and also of Mr. Klemm, which we had not heard of until the receipt of your letter.

So far, we have had a very mild open winter with little snow. But there is no telling what may happen during the next two months.

Trusting you are having a good winter at Lagunitas and with kind regards to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 22, 1926

Dr. Alexander Wetmore, Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution, Washington

Dear Dr. Wetmore:

Recently I have seen a reference to a publication by the Smithsonian entitled 'Herluf Winge, a biography of the Danish scientist' by Th. Mortensen. I should be obliged if you will kindly have a copy sent me. I should also appreciate another copy of Whitebread's Indian Medical Exhibit of the Division of Medicine in the U. S. National Museum. This publication, although in most cases lacking data as to the tribe and location of the objects figured, is nevertheless of considerable importance, and some of the illustrations, as those of the Bear Medicine-men figured on pages 4 and 11, I should like to preserve separately among my Bear plates.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 22, 1926

Mr. W. W. Sargeant, Secretary
California Academy of Sciences
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Sargeant:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me two copies of Anthony's paper on the Birds and Mammals of Guadalupe Island. They arrived today and I am very pleased to have them.

With best wishes to all,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 22, 1926

Mr. John Collier
Room 637 Munsey Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

Your letter dated January 14 with inclosure on conditions on the Yuma Reservation (with subsequent memorandum) reached me yesterday, for which I am obliged.

I had no idea that the Yuma had been so dreadfully imposed upon. Their condition as you picture it is truly appaling.

In compliance with your request I am returning the Yuma memorandum herewith.

You say that Colonel Wise told you that an Amendment is to be introduced (Rep. Baker) allowing California Indians interest at 4 percent. This appears to be incorrect as the clause providing for this interest is Section 6 of the original Bill as introduced by Baker Feb.3, 1925 (H.R.12123). My opinion is that the Bill in its present form will do little if any good. It still retains the obnoxious offset clause and still leaves the money coming to the Indians--in the event that any ever comes -- in the hands of the Indian Office.

It is a great misfortune to the California Indians that no reasonable Bill for their relief has been prepared.

Shall be very glad to see you as soon as you are able to call.

Very truly yours,

C. Hunt Henderson

Jan. 22, 1926

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board
Geological Survey, Washington

Dear Mr. McCormick:

In working in the Pit River country of northeastern California last summer I was greatly annoyed by the duplication of geographic names. For instance, three distinct streams are locally known as 'Willow Creek', and two buttes 20 miles apart as 'Rattlesnake Butte', both shown on the Modoc National Forest Map issued by the Forest Service in 1925.

At present I am not prepared to make a recommendation in the matter of the Willow Creeks, but in the case of Rattlesnake Butte there would seem to be no good reason why one of them should not bear its Indian name, O-pah'-wah. The one known to the Indians by this name is situated in Warm Springs Valley (otherwise known as Canby Valley) seven miles east of the postoffice, Canby, and eleven miles WSW of Alturas. It is on the north side of Pit River and among the whites is locally known as Centerville Butte. The name Opahwah is in the language of the local Indians (Astakewa tribe) and is near the center of their territory.

The other Rattlesnake Butte shown on the Modoc sheet of the Forest Service is nine miles a little east of north of Lookout and twelve miles northwest of Adin.

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The butte in Canby Valley to which I would like to see the name Opahwah Butte attached stands alone on a plain and is an important landmark to the Indians not only because of certain ancient myths connected with it but also because General Canby during the Modoc War promised these Indians a tract of land 20 or 25 miles square of which this butte is the central point. Needless to add, this promise was not confirmed by the Government.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 23, 1926

Mr. F. W. Ashley
Supt. of Reading Room
Library of Congress

My dear Sir:

Replying to your communication of the 20th instant would say that the book to which you refer as not returned to the Library, namely: Brooks' Four Months Among the Gold- Finders, was mislaid by one of my assistants as I was leaving for California last May, and came to light a few days ago after my return.

I at once sent it to Miss Stella Clemence, who borrowed it from the Library, and am informed over the phone that she is returning it to you today.

Regretting the delay,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 23, 1926

Dr. Charles Whitebread
Division of Medicine
U. S. National Museum

Dear Dr. Whitebread:

Many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying to my letter of the 20th instant. I am very glad to have the names of the tribes you have been able to supply for the articles mentioned.

Thanking you for your trouble in the matter,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan.25,1925

John Howell's Bookshop
434 Post Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Thanks for list just recd. Shall be obliged if you will send me No 269 Cornelia Tebor's 'Californie and her Indian Children', with map, 1911.

My check on Crocker Bank for $2.50 enclosed.

Very truly yours

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 25, 1926

Mrs. Nora E. Nichols
Lookout, California

My dear Mrs. Nichols:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th instant in reply to my inquiry. I am very much obliged for the name of Mr. A. G. Loomis of Lookout and am sending him a check by this mail--for the purchase of groceries for Lottie O'Neal and such others in the neighborhood as you may deem in need. And I will thank you if you will kindly supervise the selection and distribution of the articles purchased.

In such cases I usually purchase flour, beans, coffee [tea, if preferred], sugar, and tobacco.

I am much interested in what you tell me about a donation from Westwood. If you know people in Westwood who are helping Indians I should be glad to have their names. I have passed through Westwood several times during the past two years and expect to again next ~~year~~ spring, but I do not know anyone there.

Taking advantage of your kind offer of assistance, I wish you would get the name for Buffalo in the language of the Big Valley tribe (Atwumwe). Lottie is not a native of this tribe.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Chipmunk is to'-kis. What is e-chip'-chen?

Beaver is poom'. What is yah'-kahn?

There are two kinds of Foxes in Big Valley and the adjacent mountains, the Silver Black or Cross Fox, and Gray Fox. The Gray Fox has the under parts and legs reddish, and the tail is very long with a black line along the top. Can you get the names of these two kinds of Foxes in the Big Valley language?

Jan. 25, 1926

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr. Knight:

In writing you a few days ago I forgot to give you Captain R. J. Bonnin's address. It is: Transportation Building, Washington, D. C. (17th St.)

I am told that Collett is here, but have not seen him.

You doubtless have learned of Mr. Baker's death. What effect is will have on his Bill remains to be seen. I will let you know of course as soon as I learn anything of interest.

I have seen Congressman Lineberger. He says he is anxious to help but wants Congress to combine on one Bill, not to fight over the differences in competing bills.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 25, 1926

Chief Clerk
War Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am in search of information in regard to the life of Lieutenant George M. Wheeler, after his retirement from the Army, and also the date and place of his death.

I knew him 54 years ago and for some years afterward, but lost track of him during the latter years of his life.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 25, 1926

Mr. A. G. Loomis
Lookout, California

Dear Sir:

I wish to purchase some groceries for the old Indian woman Lottie O'Neal who lives back of the school house a few miles east of Lookout.

Mrs. Nora E. Nichols has kindly given me your address and will make the necessary selection if you will kindly consult with her.

My check for $10 on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco is enclosed herewith to pay for the goods.

Please let me know when they have been delivered.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 25, 1926

Miss Amelia E. White, Secretary
Eastern Association Indian Affairs
115 East 55 St., New York City

My dear Miss White:

Thanks for your letter of the 21st instant. I am glad that you have passed on to the National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness the information I sent you as to the prevalence of trachoma in northeastern California.

It seems to be generally admitted among friends of Indians that there is little hope of relief from the Indian Bureau, and the general feeling seems to be that appropriations for Indian health should be placed in the hands of either the Federal Health Service or the State Health Service.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 25, 1926

Dear Chapman:

Many thanks for yours of the 9th instant.

I congratulate you doubly: On getting away from our winter climate and on your skill in picking out charming tropical places in which to accomplish your winter work in the midst of most attractive surroundings.

The mammals and birds you mention as having seen during your short stay amaze me. I did not suppose any single locality would furnish such heart-penetrating thrills. And to find such luxurious accommodations in the midst of such a wonderful fauna and flora is almost beyond belief. I don't wonder at your statement, "It's the kind of a place I've been looking for all my life". I wish I were there with you. And I trust that Mrs. Chapman is equally well placed in accordance with her tastes, as she would hardly miss some of the animals you mention.

We have a little snow here, the second of the season, but not enough to amount to much.

I am pegging away as usual at the almost impossible task of clearing decks for actual work. I am arranging to have my colored maps of the distribution of California Indian tribes prepared and published by the Geological Survey. And am hoping to have the text ready during the winter.

Mrs. M. and Zenaida join me me in love to you both.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Dr. Frank M. Chapman
Barro Colorado Island
Gatun Lake, Canal Zone

Jan. 25, 1926

Dr. George Otis Smith, Director
U. S. Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Smith:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me such of the following mentioned bulletins and maps as may still remain for distribution.

Very truly yours

Albert Merriam

Water Supply Paper 538, San Juan Canyon, Utah

Bulletin 689, Boundaries, Areas, and Altitudes of the United States, by M. M. Douglas.

Bulletin 707, Guide Book of the Western United States, Part E, D. & R. G., by M. R. Campbell.

Bulletin 735-B, Colemanite in Clark County, Nevada

Bulletin 753, Geological and Oil Resources in Part of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Maps

Snake River, Lewiston, Idaho to Huntington, Oregon.

Territory of Alaska, 1 in. to 39½ miles.

Alaska Railroad, Matanuska Coal Field to Yanert Fork.

Alaska Railroad, Yanert Fork to Fairbanks.

Sawyers Bar, California, 2 miles to 1 inch.

Yosemite Valley, 1 inch to 2,000 ft., contour interval 50 feet.

Jan. 25, 1926

Dear Dr. Stephens:

The enclosed letter from the Willits Mercantile Company explains itself and seems to be very satisfactory.

I had previously written Mrs. Susie Campbell that you had generously contributed the money for the purchase of these supplies, and that they were to be delivered by the Willits Company, with whom I had arranged the matter.

This is the time of year when so many Indians have exhausted their food supply and have no money left with which to purchase food for the remainder of the winter.

You doubtless have heard of the death of Congressman Raker of Alturas. How this will affect the passage of the Raker Bill intended for the relief of California Indians remains to be seen. I never liked the Bill in the form in which it was introduced last year and hope that if it comes up again it may be materially amended.

We are having a mild snow storm today.

Elizabeth starts tomorrow for Cambridge for a visit with Dorothy and her family.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Albert Merriam

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Jan. 26, 1926

Dear Dr. Stephens:

In writing you yesterday I forgot to ask you about trachoma.

In Congress a few days ago I was asked how long it is necessary for the surgeon treating trachoma to continue personally; and also how long it is necessary for a competent nurse to continue the treatment before the case is permanently cured.

I was asked also whether a person cured of trachoma is more or less susceptible to reinfection.

As I was unable to answer any of these questions I should be greatly obliged if you can tell me without too much trouble what to say.

Hastily yours,

Dr. W. Barclay Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

The letter from the Willits Mercantile Co. which I forgot to enclose yesterday is herewith.

Jan. 26, 1926

Mr. R. C. J. Ritschel, Manager
Willits Mercantile Company
Willits, California

Dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 20th instant giving me a price list of the articles furnished Mrs. Susie Campbell of Sherwood and telling me that she had taken the goods home.

Very truly yours,

Jan. 28, 1926

Captain Will C. Barnes
Assistant Forester
Forest Service

Dear Captain Barnes:

You can't imagine how delighted I am to have the 'Dictionary of the Piute Indian Dialect' gathered by Forest Service officers with the assistance of C. L. Christensen of Moab and Jacob Crosby of Kanab.

In looking over the list of names I notice some that are decidedly funny. For instance, the words God, Lord, and resurrection. I notice also that there are two chickens, two devils, two fathers, two moneys (although these are really the same), and three springs, all different and no information as to whether the word refers to the spring of the year or a spring of water! The only numerals given are one and two. The Piute count up to 100 and beyond, but in taking vocabularies it is common practice to stop at ten.

It is surprising not to find among the animal names Cottontail and Jackrabbit, but I suppose it is fair to assume that by 'Rabbit' they mean Cottontail, and by 'Hare' they mean Jackrabbit.

The question of most importance in connection with this Dictionary is what tribe or tribes furnished the words?

Capt. W. C. B. 2

Words contributed by Christensen of Moab and Crosby of Kanab would naturally come from different tribes of Southern Piute, and except for the more important stock words would be almost certain to differ in dialect. This may account for some of the cases in which two or more words are given for the same thing.

However, the vocabulary is most interesting and valuable and I am mighty glad to have it.

As a matter of credit for field work done I should be glad to know whether the words were collected by J. P. Martin, District Engineer, or by W. W. Blakeslee, Acting.

With profound thanks for your kindness in letting me have the document,

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam -

If you have plenty of time, should be glad of another copy - eh

Jan. 28, 1926

Mr. R. W. Everett
Pisgah Forest
North Carolina

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your kindness in letting me keep the photographs of your big Pavlof Bear. The poorest of the three brings out the huge size of the beast better than any picture I had previously seen.

I am glad to know that Mr. J. H. Wade of Cleveland is going to Pavlof Bay in the spring for a group of these Bears for the Cleveland Natural History Museum.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

I have read with interest your 'Diary' as far as published in February Outdoor Life, and am looking forward to its continuation.

Jan. 28, 1926

Mr. W. E. Wilde
535 East Main St.
Stockton, Calif.

My dear Sir:

I regret to know that you are sick. You are very kind to take the trouble to write me again.

I am familiar with Professor Kroeber's Handbook of California Indians, but it does not contain the information I am seeking.

Again thanking you for your efforts in my behalf and with best wishes for your recovery,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Jan. 28, 1926

Mr. C. L. Christensen
Moab, Utah

My dear Sir:

Can you tell me the name of the Piute tribe of Indians living in your region? And do you know where the boundaries are between this tribe and adjacent tribes?

Do you know where the original division is between the Piute tribe in your neighborhood and the Utes?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Enclosed is a list of words which I should like very much to get in the language of the tribe of your region, but do not wish to put you to too much trouble. If you can get only a few of the words I shall be thankful for them.

WORDS IN DIALECT OF SOUTHERN PIUTE TRIBE NEAR MOAB, UTAH

Name of tribe - - - - - -

1 - - - - -	Bow - - - - - -
2 - - - - -	Arrow - - - -
3 - - - - -	Knife - - - -
4 - - - - -	Tobacco - - -
5 - - - - -	Good - - - - -
6 - - - - -	Bad - - - - -
7 - - - - -	Water - - - - -
8 - - - - -	Creek - - - - -
9 - - - - -	Mountain - - -
10 - - - - -	Earth - - -
People - - - - - -	Rain - - -
Man - - - - - - -	Snow - - -
Woman - - - - - -	Summer - - - -
Head - - - - - - -	Winter - - -
Eye - - - - - - -	Sun - - - -
Nose - - - - - - -	Moon - - - -
Ear - - - - - - -	Stars - - - -
Mouth - - - - -	Many or Plenty - - -
Heart - - - - -	Few or Scarce - - -
Blood - - - - -	Big - - - -
Rabbitskin Blanket - - - -	Little - - - -
Wickiup - - - - -	Yes - - - -
Fire - - - - -	No - - - -
Coals - - - - -	
Ashes - - - - -	
Smoke - - - - -	

Bear
Mountain Lion
Bob Cat
Coyote
Big Skunk
Little Spotted Skunk
Badger
Bat
Elk
Deer
Antelope
Bighorn
Porcupine
Beaver
Gray Ground Squirrel
Pocket Gopher
Woodrat
Cottontail Rabbit
Jackrabbit
Dog
Eagle
Hoot Owl
Ground Owl
Raven or Crow
Magpie
Sagehen
Dove
Meadowlark

Swallow
Hummingbird
Killdeer
Rattlesnake
King Snake
Hornedtoad
Turtle
Frog
Fish
Grasshopper
Fly
Yellow Jacket
Pinon
Juniper or Cedar
Willow
Sagebrush

Jan. 28, 1926

Mr. Jacob Crosby
Kanab, Utah

My dear Sir:

Can you tell me the name of the Piute tribe of Indians living in your region? And do you know where the boundaries are between this tribe and adjacent tribes?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Enclosed is a list of words which I should like very much to get in the language of the tribe of your region, but do not wish to put you to too much trouble. If you can get only a few of the words I shall be thankful for them.

Jan. 29, 1926

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
485 California St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Farquhar:

On receipt of your letter inquiring about George M. Wheeler, for many years Head of the Wheeler Surveys, I wrote the War Department, as you will see from the enclosed letter and reply. So all we know positively as to his latter days is that he died in New York May 3, 1905.

I had a slight acquaintence with Lieut. Wheeler (Lieutenant being his rank at the time) for 20 years or more, but never knew him intimately. In the fall of 1872 after my return from field work on the Hayden Survey he offersd me a position on his Survey, which I declined.

After my return to Washington in 1885 I met him on the street from time to time--nothing more.

Regretting that I cannot give you the information you wish,

Very truly yours,
C. A. Peirce

Jan. 30, 1926

Mr. James P. McCormick
Secretary, U.S.Geographic Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Referring again to the dropping or replacement of the name Whitney Meadows by the Sierra Club, would say that under date of January 6 I wrote to Mr. Francis P. Farquhar, the active man in connection with Sierra nomenclature, and mentioned a number of reasons why the name should be retained on maps. Among the reasons given were the use of the name in historical and scientific literature and on the labels of hundreds of specimens in our National Museum and doubtless also in other collections.

Mr. Farquhar, when informed of the facts, immediately withdrew his recommendations, so that there is no now desire to change or drop the name.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Thanks for the Alturas and Honey Lake sheets this moment received. I am badly in need of them just now.

Jan. 30, 1926

Dr. George Otis Smith
Director, U.S.Geological Survey
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the reports and maps asked for. I appreciate your kindness in drawing some of them from your reserve.

Without the maps and reports of the Survey much of my work would be either impossible or inaccurate.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 1, 1926

Mr. Elmer A. Lewis
Supt.Document Room
House of Representatives

Dear Sir:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me eight copies of H.R. 8036 dated January 20, 1926, and known as the Raker Court of Claims Bill for California Indians.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 1, 1926

Postmaster
Glenburn, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jan. 22, telling me that you were unable to deliver the package sent by me to Rosa Ryan, would say that the Indian woman in question (a very old woman) is the wife of Tom Ryan who with Davis Mike lives on what is known as the Griffith Ranch on the road a few miles north of Glenburn, at the point where it is joined by the road from Dana.

If you will kindly deliver the package to either Tom Ryan or Davis Mike there will be no further trouble.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Another Indian who lives nearly is Seth Jackson.

Feb. 1, 1926

Mr. John Collier
Secretary, Indian Defense Assoc.
637 Munsey Bldg., Washington

My dear Mr. Collier:

Many thanks for the new Raker Bill (H.R.8036) introduced January 20.

I very much regret to see that it is by no means so good a bill as its immediate predecessor for the reason that it restores in effect the clause limiting compensation to the lands mentioned in the '18 Treaties' of 1852. There are also other objectionable features.

It is a melancholy fact that no proper bill for the relief of California Indians has been prepared.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 1, 1926

Mr. D. A. Robinson
Minneapolis Athletic Club
Laporte, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Jan. 27, would say that if you can supply the locality where the Bear in question was killed and the approximate date I will pay you $5 for it as per your letter.

The skull should be securely packed and sent by Express (Express crossed out) addressed U.S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C. Your name and address should be on the outside label and also on a label attached to the skull. We often receive several skulls on the same day and unless each one is properly labeled it is impossible to tell who they came from.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

February 2, 1926.

Mr. John Collier
637 Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Collier:

Thanks for your letter of January 29th, enclosing a Memorandum on H. R. 7826 which, in accordance with your request, I am returning herewith.

I have read both the Bill and your comments and am impressed by the clearness and pertinency of your remarks.

I see no excuse for this Bill or any of like purpose, but would be glad to see a bill distinctly prohibiting most of the things which this Bill aims to accomplish.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1926.

Hon. Scott Leavitt, Chairman
Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives.

My dear Sir:

In reading H.R. 7826, recently introduced by your Committee, I find myself unable to see any reason for the proposed legislation; in fact I regard the contemplated bill as decidedly pernicious.

Human nature is human nature, among Indians as well as whites. The so-called Reservation Courts and Reservation Judges are appointed by the Superintendent and naturally are sure to do his bidding. And it is a melancholy fact that in a very large number of cases the will of the Superintendent, enforced by his local police and judges, is in opposition to the will of the best men of the tribe.

The authority given the Reservation Police and Judges affords a rare opportunity for the gratification of personal spite. Can it be possible that the Congress of the United States will authorize these 'Judges' to imprison citizens of the United States for unnamed offences for a period of six months without the possibility of appeal or redress?

Now that Congress has conferred citizenship on all Indians, why not allow them the privileges of citizenship? Why

provide penalties for unspecified acts not considered worthy of mention in our legal codes?

Section 4 abolishes "Indian custom marriage and divorce." Congress has already legislated on this subject with undue severity. The laws and customs of the various tribes are sufficient. Why should our Government exhibit such haste in forcing Indians to abandon their own laws and customs? Why should we exhibit so much impatience? There is no necessity for this kind of legislation. Time is working fast enough. For years, as a result of contact with whites, particularly where the children are educated in schools, the change from the Indian's point of view to the white man's point of view has been steadily going on, and in a few more years in the natural course of events there will be little left of the old-time beliefs and practices. It is the everlasting hurry of the Indian Office to force Indians to turn into white men immediately that has resulted in the all but universal hatred between the Government officials and the Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 3, 1926.

Mr. John Collier, Secretary
Indian Defense Association
Munsey Building, Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Collier:

Enclosed for your information is a carbon of a letter I have just sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Very truly yours,

Feb. 4, 1926

Dear Grinnell:

Very many thanks for your much appreciated present to Elizabeth. She was not here to receive it but Zenaida and I have greatly enjoyed the result. This is the first wild duck meat we have had the pleasure of eating for many years excepting a couple sent by A.K. a year or two ago.

Elizabeth is in Cambridge visiting Dorothy and her family and is likely to be gone for a couple of weeks longer.

I should have written earlier but did not know whether or not you had returned from the Currituck waters.

I am pegging away as usual on my California tribal maps and manuscript and have arranged with the Geological Survey to do the map work.

With love and many thanks from Zenaida and myself to you and Mrs. Grinnell,

As ever yours,

Hart

Dr. George Bird Grinnell
238 East 15th Street
New York City

Feb. 4, 1926

Virginia Paper Co., Inc.
933 D St., Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

Please send me at the above address, with bill enclosed, 2000 sheets of Munising Bond like the attached sample in quality and size.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 5, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am handing you my Expense Account for the month of January amounting to $86.47, together with voucher for services of Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, $52, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Referring to the notice from the Library of Congress which you sent me Jan. 22, concerning a book not returned, would state that the book was borrowed in my name by Miss Stella Clemence last May. On receipt of the notification, she phoned that she returned it the same day.

C. Hart Merriam

1919 Sixteenth St., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for January, 1926

1926				
Jan. 3	Washington Acad. Sci. Journal, 1926		5	00
6	Anthony, Mammals Porto Rico (2 Parts)		4	00
8	N.Y. Zoological Society Bulletin, 1926		1	50
11	Jepson, Manual Flowering Plants California		7	50
	Expressage on above	1		30
12	California Out-of-Doors, 1926		1	00
13	Biological Society Proceedings, 1926		3	00
13	California Historical Quarterly, 1926		10	00
16	Science, 1926		6	00
16	Ottawa Field Naturalist, 1926		1	60
16	Expressage Ms to Berkeley	2		59
16	Stockett Fiske Co., 2 doz. 17x22 ruled schedules	3	1	00
18	N.H. Kent, photos, negatives, prints, and slides	4	2	70
18	The American Indian, 1926		2	50
20	Am. Ind. Assoc. Teepee &c , 1926		5	00
25	Audubon Society		1	00
25	Tabor, California and Her Children		1	50
26	Stockett Fiske Co., 4 doz. 17x22 ruled schedules	5	2	00
26	Morrison Paper Co., 1/2 doz. stenog. notebooks	6		75
28	Underwood Typewriter Co., repairs and new cylinder	7	4	65
29	The Scientific Monthly, 1926		5	00
30	Photo supplies for mounting Indian photos		1	60
	Street car tokens for assistants		1	50
	Postage stamps and stamped envelopes		2	66
	Sharpening steel erasers, 30; type cleaner, .15			45
	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms month of Jan.	9	5	00
	Nature Mag. 35, Outdoor Life .25, dup. copies, Feb. no			60
	Wash. Gas Light Co., gas, Dec. 26-Jan. 25 $10.40 (1/3 $10.40 $3.46)	10	3	46
	Potomac Electric Power Co., current, Dec. 22-Jan. 20 $10.85 (1/3 $10.85 $3.61)	11	3	61
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C. Hart Merriam

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Feb. 9, 1926

Prof. Theodore Lyman
Harvard University
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Professor Lyman:

Pardon my delay in replying to your letter of Jan. 19th in regard to the old male Grizzly skull you obtained several years ago from Healy River.

I did not write you about this skull before for the reason that our collection of upwards of 2000 skulls of Big Bears has been in chaos for several years and at the time I wrote was being rearranged. It was then impracticable to get at the specimens needed for comparison. I tried again today with better luck, although I am not yet prepared to give a positive opinion as to the species.

The only adult skulls I found which seemed to belong to the same group came from points a long distance south. These are Ursus chelan, from the Chelan region on the east side of the Cascades in northern Washington, and Ursus washakie, from North Fork Shoshone River on the east side of Absaroka (note) in western Wyoming. It is larger than either of these, the post-orbital part of the skull much longer, and the vault of the cranium less arched. It is an

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interesting skull and later when I have time to look through the collection more thoroughly I shall be glad to study it further in the light of additional comparisons.

In compliance with your request for a description of Ursus pallasi and Ursus kluane I am sending you herewith a copy of my Review of the Big Bears.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 9, 1926

Dr. E. W. Nelson
Chief, Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Nelson:

This morning I examined the three Bear skulls sent in by Harold J. Coolidge, Jr. They unquestionably are Ursus mirabilis and are practically topotypes of that little known species. Unfortunately there is not a male in the bunch. Nevertheless we are very glad to have them. One of the females is fully adult and is therefore an important addition to the collection. In general form it is almost a duplicate of the type except for smaller size--the type being an adult male.

I was much interested in Coolidge's notes on his observations of these Bears in life. It is excellent material and shows that he is a keen observer. If you will send me his address I will write him a letter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1926.

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me a photograph of the Lava Beds National Monument. I am very glad to have it.

For several days I have been sweating over a bill, which I assume carries a lot of your handiwork, in regard to help for California Indians. It is a pity that those of us who are deeply interested in the matter could not have got together instead of being obliged to work from opposite sides of the continent. However, the bill shows a surprisingly large amount of work and covers the ground with surprising fulness. I have amplified and possibly corrected a few statements and have added one or two paragraphs.

We have just had our first real snowstorm--a little over a foot, but the principal streets have been cleared so that street cars, busses and automobiles are running nearly as usual.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1926.

Dear Lyman:

Thanks for yours of the 8th inst. giving me the addresses of Ben Parson of Old Forge and Louis Grant of Boonville as persons who might be able to supply the sought-for neck-yoke. I have written them both by this mail.

I trust you have not been disappointed by being neglected in the matter of the recent snowstorm.

Your daughter is as lively and blooming as ever and seems to keep reasonably busy.

Elizabeth is still in Cambridge with Dorothy and the grandchildren. She seems to have a weakness for those kids.

With love to you all,

As ever,

Hart

Mr. Lyman L. Merriam
56 So. Highland Ave.
Ossining, New York.

February 12, 1926.

Mr. Francis P. Farquhar
485 California Street
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Farquhar:

Your letter of the 3rd inst. came a few days ago.

In reference to your request for a contribution for the California Historical Society would say that I have a surprisingly large amount of material that appears to be suitable, and several years ago began to write an article that might be captioned "What we have done to the California Indians," but owing to the pressure of more urgent work was obliged to defer its completion. The trouble is that I am past seventy and am expected to publish a number of volumes embodying the results of personal investigations. Just now I am trying hard to complete for the press a work on the classification and distribution of California tribes, accompanied by fairly large-scale colored maps.

While this work has precedence I am glad to be able to add that my health is very good and I have every reason to look forward to finishing the other job later on.

Thanking you for your kind interest in the matter, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 12, 1926.

Mr. Louis Grant
Boonville, New York.

My dear Sir:

Can you tell me where and at what price I can obtain an old neck-yoke; one of the kind we used to use in the Adirondacks in carrying boats over the portages?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 16, 1926

Mrs. Julius Kahn
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Kahn:

It is very gratifying to know that you are willing to introduce the Bill on behalf of the California Indians prepared jointly by the Commonwealth Club of California, the Indian Defense Association and myself.

A great deal of work has been done on this Bill and while of course it is by no means perfect nevertheless it has probably received more study than any Bill on the subject heretofore prepared.

Thanking you in behalf of the survivors of the numerous California tribes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

BILL PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA FOR LANDS TAKEN FROM THEM UNDER THE EIGHTEEN TREATIES OF 1851 AND 1852, AND WITHOUT TREATY, AND UNDER SUBSEQUENT COURT DECISIONS FOR WHICH NO COMPENSATION HAS HERETOFORE BEEN MADE; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE APPROPRIATION HEREIN MADE, INCLUDING THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION TO HAVE CHARGE OF SAID ADMINISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, in 1851 and 1852 there were concluded between a large proportion of the uncivilized Indians of California and the representatives of the Government of the United States Eighteen Treaties, under which certain Indian tribes in California, represented by 401 chiefs, captains and head men, bound their tribes to live under the jurisdiction of the United States and to accept certain lands as a perpetual assignment to them by the Government in lieu of all other lands to which these Indians had the right of possession from hundreds of years of undisturbed occupancy, and also the right of possession under the laws of Mexico prior to the cession of California to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the early recognition of the claim of prior occupancy in the United States is shown by the following communication, drawn up by General Knox, Secretary of War, and transmitted to Congress on June 15, 1789, by George Washington, President of the United States:

> The Indians, being the prior occupants, possess the right of soil. It cannot be taken from them unless by their free consent, or by right of conquest in case of a just war. To dispossess them on any other principle would be a gross violation of the fundamental laws of nature, and of that distributive justice which is the glory of a nation.

and

WHEREAS, due to the great influx of white immigrants into California during the gold rush of 1849 and succeeding years

and their insistence on unrestricted rights in all parts of the State, the ratification of these treaties by the Senate of the United States was never carried out, but on the other hand, all of the lands which the Indians had agreed to cede to the United States were taken from them, together with by far the greater part of the lands to which they were promised title under the terms of said treaties, and title to said lands, taken as aforesaid, together with title to other lands possessed by other uncivilized Indians of California with whom no treaties were ever made, was assumed by the United States without process of law and has since been patented in a greater part to other persons; and

Whereas, all of the more civilized or so-called Mission Indians of California, who were in occupation of lands granted to other persons by the Governments of Spain and Mexico with express reservations protecting the right of occupation of such Indians, failed to receive the protection promised by the Government of the United States as specified

in the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848).

WHEREAS, as a result of said failure to ratify the treaties made with certain Indians by its duly authorized Commissioners, and of said failure to make any treaties at all with certain other Indians before assuming title to the lands occupied by them, the United States Government and its patentees have obtained without compensation not only the areas set aside as Reservations under the eighteen unconfirmed treaties, but also all of the lands originally possessed by said Indians; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the white invasion of California the whole of the land now included in the State

was owned and occupied by Indian tribes, the boundaries of which tribes were as definitely fixed as those between our states and counties; and

WHEREAS, the State of California contains 155,652 square miles of land, or 99,617,280 land acres, all of which originally belonged to and was occupied by the native Indian tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Government has derived from sales of parts of the public domain in California, the greater part of which was ceded to the United States by the Indians under the terms of said Eighteen Treaties, over $22,785,000.00 up to June 30, 1918, according to the report of the Board of Indian Commissioners for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1920, while on the other hand all the land the California Indians have been awarded, during the seventy-five years that have elapsed since these treaties were made amounts to less than 450,000 acres, or a per capita acreage as of 1925 of less than 24 acres, most of which land is wholly unfit for cultivation or even habitation; and

WHEREAS, is it an established historic fact universally admitted that great injustice has been done the Indians of California by confiscating their lands, by driving hundreds of them in the dead of winter through rain and mud and snow to far-away unlegal 'reservations'--men, women and little children, including the old, the feeble and the sick--many perishing on the way from hardship and the brutality of the drivers, by forcing thousands into remote and inhospitable parts of the State, by depriving them of their natural food thereby causing many to die of starvation, by imprisoning them for killing deer or taking fish, by inoculating them with fatal diseases; and on several occasions by massacring large numbers in cold blood, while for a period of at least fifteen years (1849-1864) in certain parts of the State they were hunted and shot down with little or no pretext; and

WHEREAS, since 1848, when the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo transferring absolute possession of California from Mexico to the United States was confirmed, citizens of the United States have occupied millions of acres rightfully belonging to Indians and have profited from the use thereof by hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, it is now the desire of Congress to make such reparation as can be made by the Government of the United States to the surviving descendants of all of the Indians of California from whom said lands were taken without compensation through the failure of the Senate to ratify the treaties made and entered into in 1851 and 1852, and through the failure of the United States Government to make treaties with other uncivilized Indians before assuming title to the lands occupied by them, and through the failure of the Government to afford protection to or compensation for the possessory rights of California Indians to lands occupied by them under the Mexican law at the time of the cession to the United States;

Therefore,

SECTION I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled, that the sum of $49,583,640 [the same being the value at 50 cents per acre, without interest, of the Indian lands of California less the 450,000 acres at present allowed for reservations and allotments] be and the same is hereby appropriated out of moneys in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be applied, expended, utilized and accounted for for the benefit of the Indians of California, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, as compensation for, and in lieu of, all other moneys, lieu lands, or other compensation to which said Indians of California are, or may be, entitled in law or equity in the place of lands which have heretofore been taken from them under the provisions of said 'Eighteen Treaties', or without treaty, or under the provisions of court decisions, or statute of limitations, vesting title thereto in other parties.

SECTION II. There is hereby created a Commission, to be known as the CALIFORNIA INDIAN LAND COMMISSION, to consist of two Commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, two Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of California, and one Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States. One of the Commissioners to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and one of those to be appointed by the Governor of the State of California shall be experts in the knowledge of agricultural lands and land values, and irrigation problems in California. The remaining Commissioners to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior and the Governor of the State of California shall be persons familiar with the economic and welfare problems of the Indians of California. Commissioners shall hold office for a period of six years, provided that of the first Commissioners appointed, two shall hold office for two years, two for four years and one for six years, their respective terms to be determined by lot at the first meeting after organization. Vacancies

occurring from expiration of term, death, resignation or inability to act shall be filled by the appointing power who filled the position in which the vacancy occurs.

Said Commission shall organize when appointed, and may employ a Secretary and such other employees and expert or technical advisors as it deems essential to the administration of the functions provided in this Act, and shall fix their compensation. The members of the Commission shall receive no salary, but shall be allowed the expenses of travel and administration of the functions conferred upon them by this act. Such expenses, together with salaries of all employees and other expenditures of the Commission, shall be paid out of the appropriation hereinabove made. Such expenses and salaries, however, shall not exceed the total sum of $_____ annually.

SECTION III - The California Indian Land Commission shall have the power, and is hereby authorized and directed, to make a study of the economic needs of the Indians of

California; to purchase such additional agricultural lands as it may deem necessary for the economic rehabilitation of said Indians; secure a reasonable water supply; acquire or construct irrigation systems where deemed necessary; erect fences, farm buildings and suitable living quarters thereon; purchase farm machinery and equipment, livestock, seed, fertilizer, trees and other materials necessary for proper and economic farming, irrigation, and marketing; establish the minimum credits necessary for the maintenance of said Indians during the period which the Commission shall find it necessary to enable Indians settled on lands purchased as foresaid, or on lands of existing Indian reservations, allotments, trust allotments, or lands now owned by Indians individually or collectively in California, to place themselves on a self-supporting basis through the cultivation of such lands; and to permit the purchase by or for said Indians, and charge against said credits, of the means of subsistance, clothing and necessary household furnishings and utensils during said period.

The Commission shall make suitable rules and regulations in conformity with the provisions of this Act to insure the proper administration thereof by its employees and agents.

Title to all land purchased in accordance with the terms of this Act shall be taken in the name of the United States to be held in trust for the Indians of California under the administration of the California Indian Land Commission herein created. Said trust shall continue until such time as Indian occupants of lands held thereunder shall convince the Commission of their willingness and ability to support themselves, independently of any further governmental regulations or protection. And to this end, any Indian applicant, or group of applicants, may make application to the Commission at any time for a certificate entitling said applicant to patent, or said group of applicants to a group patent. The Commission shall examine all facts relating to said application and to the ability of the applicant, or applicants, to administer

independently his or their own affairs, and if satisfied, shall issue a certificate setting forth its findings in this respect and a recommendation that patent be issued to the applicant,or applicants. The Secretary of the Interior, upon receipt of such certificate from the California Indian Land Commission shall forthwith cause a patent to be issued under the Seal of the United States to the person, or persons, named in said certificate as being entitled thereto; thereafter the land so patented shall be discharged of all trusts, shall cease to be administered or regulated by the Commission, and shall be subject to local assessment and taxation. Provided, however, that the issuance of such patent shall not relieve the patentee, or patentees, or his, or their, successors, from supervision and direction by the Commission in the matter of joint irrigation of his property in connection with other lands under the Commission's jurisdiction, and in the joint use of roads, irrigation canals, or other community facilities.

SECTION IV - The California Indian Land Commission shall have access to all records and data of the Bureau of Indian Affairs relating to California Indians, and in person or through the duly authorized agents of said Commission shall be permitted to communicate freely with said Indians, with a view to ascertaining their economic status and needs.

The Commission shall have power to conduct the acquisition, installation, maintenance and operation of irrigation systems through the Indian Irrigation Service, the Reclamation Service, or any other agency of the Federal Government which may be hereafter charged with the construction, maintenance, or operation of irrigation and reclamation systems; and each of said Federal agencies is hereby authorized, upon request of the Commission, to supervise or assist in the installation, maintenance and operation of such systems, the cost of such work to be paid by the Commission out of the appropriation herein made.

Said Commission is also authorized to request and utilize the assistance of any bureau, department or agency of

the State of California which may be authorized by law to carry on work similar to that under the jurisdiction of the Commission and to pay the cost thereof from the appropriation herein made.

SECTION V - The Commission shall keep current minutes, records and accounts of all transactions and expenditures, and shall render an annual report to Congress showing its accomplishments during the preceding year, the expenditures made from the above appropriation under the terms of this Act, and the purposes for which such expenditures have been made. Said report may include also any recommendations which the Commission desires to make for further Congressional action in connection with the purposes of this Act. The minutes, records and accounts of the Commission shall be open to inspection by any citizen at all times during business hours.

Feb. 16, 1926

Mr. John Collier
Room 637
Munsey Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Collier:

Herewith I am forwarding to you my last copy of the California Indian Bill, which Mrs. Kahn has today so kindly agreed to introduce on the floor of the House.

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 16, 1926.

The Hon.
Scott Leavitt
Chairman, Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Leavitt:

In your letter of January 15th you asked if I knew of any bills for the help of Indians "being prepared by members of the California Congressional Delegation" and I replied in the negative.

Recently I have received from California a draft of a bill prepared jointly by the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association. The bill embodies the conclusions arrived at during a number of meetings of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Commonwealth Club last summer and fall, but I had not seen it since it was whipped into the shape of a formal bill. As it reached me it contained several clauses to which I objected and I have taken the liberty to strike them out. I have also added a few words here and there and a clause relating to the unjust treatment of the Indians by our people, and am transmitting the revised bill to you herewith and another copy to Mrs. Julius Kahn, a member of the California Delegation.

Thanking you for your courtesy to me during the recent hearing,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The allowance for land in the bill as it came to me was set at $1.25 per acre. This made such an enormous total that I took the liberty to cut it down to 50 cents per acre. This, with the offset likely to be insisted on for direct and indirect expenditures of the Government for California Indians since the year one, would seem to leave a reasonable amount.

February 17, 1926.

Mr. C. L. Christensen
Moab, Utah.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your kindness in sending me a list of words in the Ute language, and also for loaning me your copy of the important book by Peter Gottfredson entitled 'Indian Depredations in Utah,' together with supplement thereto, which you sent me in care of Captain Will C. Barnes of the Forest Service.

I am very glad to know that the language you sent me is Ute and not Piute. I am very glad to have all this material and will write you more fully later when I have had time to read the book.

Thanking you again for your courtesy and the trouble you have taken in my behalf,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Mr. Lewis L. Grant
Boonville, New York.

My dear Sir:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th inst. just received.

I am glad to know that you will make me a neck-yoke for $3.00 and am enclosing herewith check for same.

When ready, please ship to me by express, addressed to 1919 Sixteenth Street, Washington, charges collect.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Dr. Walter P. Taylor
1746 East 5th St.
Tucson, Arizona.

Dear Dr. Taylor:

Your letter in regard to changing the name of Ajo, Arizona, to Greenway, has just arrived and I am forwarding it to Mr. James McCormick, Secretary of the U. S. Geographic Board.

After a service of twenty years on the Board, during the last eight years of which I served as Chairman, I resigned, feeling that I had done my full share and could not afford to give any more of the remaining days of my life to this work.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

I am enclosing herewith a short letter from Walter P. Taylor, now of Tucson, Arizona, which he sent me under the supposition that I was still Chairman of the Geographic Board.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Mrs. Nora E. Nichols
Lookout, California.

My dear Mrs. Nichols:

Thanks for your letter of the 7th inst. telling me that my check for supplies for Indians was received by Mr. Loomis and that you will send me the animal names asked for in the near future.

I am particularly glad to have the address you so kindly gave me of I. P. Gardner of the Red River Lumber Company at Westwood. I pass through Westwood nearly every year and shall take special pains to call upon him.

Any of the members of the Big Valley tribe (At-wum'we) can give you the names of the buffalo, chipmunk, and beaver. I think Kwhan is their name for the silver fox (which is the same as the cross fox, a color phase of the red fox). The other fox has a gray body and a very long tail with a black line on top. The under parts of the animal and inner sides of the legs are reddish. This is the fox that climbs small trees and leaning trees, which the true silver fox (or red fox) does not.

The name of the buffalo is likely to be gooch or some word near gooch. While the buffalo was not a regular inhabitant of Northeastern California, it used to come in at intervals from the northeast.

With thanks for your trouble in my behalf,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Mr. D. A. Robinson
Minneapolis Athletic Club
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Sir:

The skull you sent to the Biological Survey in the belief that it was that of a big Alaska bear arrived a few days ago and proves to be a sea lion instead of a bear.

Nevertheless, since you have taken the trouble to send it, I am enclosing herewith my check for $5.00 in payment thereof and shall be obliged if you will kindly return the enclosed receipt.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 17, 1926.

Dr. H. H. T. Jackson
Biological Survey
Washington.

Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thanks for your letter of the 12th inst. in regard to the misidentification of an alleged big bear skull shipped by D. A. Robinson of Minneapolis.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is a sea lion instead of a big bear I am paying him his price of $5.00 for it and turning it into the Biological Survey collection.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

Feb. 18, 1926

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge, Jr.
39 Randolph Hall
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Coolidge:

A short time ago Dr. H. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey, sent me a copy of your report on Admiralty Island Bears. This I have read with the greatest interest and profit. I have learned much from it and congratulate you on having learned so many things about the habits of these Bears and also on your ability to tell the story in a straightforward and interesting way.

Even though you did not succeed in obtaining the most valuable specimens, namely, adult males, you nevertheless did secure material of value and you had the good luck to see more Bears in a short time than I believe have ever been seen by one person in the same length of time before--27 Bears in two and a half hours seems almost incredible. When you speak of them as Brown Bears I assume that you use the term brown in merely a descriptive color sense, not as implying that they were members of the group we commonly designate as Brown Bears.

What kind of country was it along the shore where you saw so many Bears from your boat? Of course they could not be seen in the heavy timber. Hence I infer that much of the country must have been open.

In telling of the food of these Bears you mention "Moles" and "wine". I did not know that either of these occurred on Admiralty Island.

I am interested in your statement that all the Bears you saw catching salmon caught them with the mouth, not with the paws. This agrees with Murie's recent observations on other species of Big Bears in northern Alaska, although it does not prove of course that under certain conditions on the riffs the Bears do not scoop out the salmon with their paws as has been so often asserted.

Your observation that the smaller Bears at the approach of a big Bear immediately turned and dashed away seems to hold as a general fact relating to the meeting of big and little Bears, irrespective of species. Even in California Black Bears have been observed repeatedly to leave at once on the appearance of a Grizzly. It is obvious that small Bears have great respect for large ones. Whether this is due to politeness or fear is to be inferred by the observer!

All of the three skulls you sent the Biological Survey appear to be typical Ursus mirabilis. At least the adult female is perfectly typical and the younger ones seem to be, so far as may be determined from the teeth. The specific skull characters of Bears are rarely shown in any but the

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old males.

We were not able to learn what part of Admiralty Island the type specimen of *mirabilis* came from, but your specimens, and some secured by Miss Annie Alexander, would indicate that the headquarters of the species is in the Windfall Harbor region. This is interesting in connection with the fact that Bears from the Pybus Bay country, some 50 miles farther south, are *Ursus shirasi*.

Your report as a whole is certainly worth publishing and I should be glad to see it in print. In any case, if I live long enough to put out the work on the Big Bears on which I have been so long engaged I shall be glad to quote a number of your observations.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 18, 1926

Mr. C. A. Bevans
Hoonah, Alaska

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 23 is before me. Glad the check for the Bear skulls reached you all right.

My fund is running short but I could take a few more skulls of Big male Bears, labeled for locality where killed, at a price not to exceed $10 each.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1926.

Dr. Arthur Hollick
New York Botanical Garden
Bronx Park, New York City.

My dear Dr. Hollick:

Replying to your letter of the 17th inst: I resigned from the Government Geographic Board last May after we had succeeded in retaining the name of Mt. Rainier, and therefore am forwarding your letter to my successor, Mr. Frank Bond.

But having been a member of the Board for twenty years I think I can clear up the matter that troubles you in regard to the use of the terminal 's' without the apostrophe in geographic names. The point is simply this: the apostrophe denotes possession, and most places having geographic names are not personal property.

In the numerous cases where the form of the name is such as to make the terminal 's' desirable, it is retained without the possessive, thus converting it into a plural, on the theory that it stands for the name of the family. This seems to me both proper and desirable.

Your contention for the preservation of the exact form of the original name is hardly tenable for the double reason that in practice it is mighty difficult to ascertain which was the first spelling, and that the original spelling in hundreds of cases differs in one or more letters from the spelling in current use.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 19, 1926.

Dr. L. Webster Fox
303 So. Seventeenth St.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Fox:

A few weeks ago I was asked in Congress how long in cases of trachoma was it necessary for the surgeon to personally look after the case, and also how long it is necessary for a competent nurse to continue the treatment before the case is permanently cured; also, whether or not a person cured of trachoma is more or less susceptible to reinfection.

Dr. W. Barkley Stephens of Alameda, to whom I wrote for the needed information, refers me to you. I dislike to bother a very busy man, but should greatly appreciate the result of your experience in treating trachoma.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 20, 1926.

Rev. F. G. Collett
Congress Hall Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am returning the Brief entitled "In the Court of Claims the Klamath and Modoc Tribes and Yahooskin Band of Snake Indians, Plaintiffs," which you left with me a few days ago.

I have looked the document over with interest and am greatly surprised by the gross inaccuracies of the blueprint copy of the map "showing lands ceded by the Klamath and Modoc tribes and the Yahooskin band of Snake Indians under the Treaty of October 14, 1864," and referred to as Exhibit No. 3.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 20, 1926.

Mr. Stephen Knight
R. F. D. 138
Ukiah, California.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Things have been happening here since I wrote you last. A number of delegations of Indians from various parts of the West, mainly from Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota, are here now. There have been important hearings before the House Committee on Indian Affairs and both John Collier and myself have been heard at some length. We have strongly opposed the passage of a bill introduced by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs providing for the legalization of the so-called Reservation Courts appointed by and under control of the Superintendent or Agent in charge of the Reservation. The Committee is divided on the subject, but how they will vote remains to be seen. The strongest advocate on our side is Mr. James A. Frear of Wisconsin. He is a very able and clear-headed man and has introduced a counter-bill (H.R. 9315) intended to block the Indian Office bill.

The Raker bill, with modifications by Collett (and I am told with the help of Congressman Lea of Santa Rosa) was re-introduced on January 20, 1926 (H.R. 8036). It is much better than no bill at all.

But a wholly different bill and one which from my point of view is vastly better is H. R. 9497, was introduced day before

yesterday by Mrs. Kahn, by request of John Collier and myself. This bill embodies part of the conclusions arrived at during the meetings of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Commonwealth Club of California which I told you about last fall. It was drafted by several lawyers of the Commonwealth Club with suggestions from the Indian Defense Association, and since its arrival in Washington a week ago has been worked over by me. For a week I put in nearly all my time on it and then gave a copy to John Collier, who concurred in my additions, eliminations and corrections. Then he and I went together to Mrs. Kahn, who introduced it the following day.

The intent of this bill is obvious from the bill itself. You will note particularly that it does away with the delay of years likely to follow if the Court of Claims bill is passed. You will note also that the disposition of the fund is to be in the hands of a special commission appointed jointly by the Government and the Governor of California.

We are told by Members of Congress that it is out of the question to attempt to provide for the payment of an appropriation directly to the Indians themselves; that it must be placed in the hands of some responsible organization to be expended for the benefit of Indians; otherwise there would be no possibility of its passage.

Collett has been here for sometime and is here now. He came to see me two or three days ago and left for my perusal a Court of Claims document in behalf of the Klamath, Modoc and Yahooskin Indians of Oregon. He called for the document a few minutes ago

and I returned it to him, calling his attention to a gross error in the accompanying map. Nothing was said by either of us in regard to the Raker-Collett bill and we had no conversation whatever in regard to California Indians.

I am telling you all this with a good deal of detail in order that you may know exactly what has been done recently in connection with hoped-for legislation for California Indians.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Copies of bills are mailed to you in separate envelopes.

February 20, 1926.

Dr. W. Barkley Stephens
Alameda, California.

Dear Dr. Stephens:

You were very good to refer the matter of trachoma treatment to Dr. L. Webster Fox of Philadelphia. I have written him, but have not yet had time for his reply.

Elizabeth is still in Cambridge with Dorothy and the grandchildren, but is coming home next week.

We had a light snowstorm yesterday, but today is clear and fine and we hope it may continue.

Several delegations of Indians are here now from Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming and Oregon. They came to present claims and grievances and have appeared before several recent hearings of the House Committee on Indian Affairs. I have been present at these hearings and opened the case for the California tribes, and a few of us are striving to kill two bills now before Congress and to promote the passage of another. A copy of the bill we advocate I will send you as soon as received from the printer. It is a trying time and not being a lawyer the hearings are rather severe on me. And of course my work is seriously interrupted.

With love to you all from Zenaida and myself,

As ever yours,

Hart Merriam

Feb.20, 1926

Mr Fred Elsinore
Durham Garage
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Your letter without date about my Baby Grand car is at hand. I will sell you the car for One hundred fifty dollars ($150) cash down, the balance of the three hundred you offer, in payments to be agreed upon by Mr Durham and yourself; the first payment of $150 to be sent me by certified check.

If this arrangment is satisfactory to Mr Durham and yo yourself, you will have to send me the red slip in the license holder in the front part of the car--just over the footboard. Then I can fill it out so the sale will comply with the California law.

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Mrs. Florence P. Kahn
House of Representatives.

My dear Mrs. Kahn:

This is to acknowledge with many thanks your courtesy in sending me twelve copies of H.R. 9497, which you were good enough to introduce a few days ago and which will give great joy to a very large number of California Indians and their friends. Should it have the good fortune to pass it will, let us hope, bring continuous joy and a better life to these same Indians.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, California.

February 23, 1926.

Dear Col. Stewart:

It is a long time since any word has passed between us, which I regret.

Thus far this winter two bills in favor of California Indians have been introduced in Congress: (1) a reintroduction of the Raker-Collett bill (introduced just before Mr. Raker's death), modified somewhat from the form in which it passed a year ago, and (2) the enclosed bill, introduced by Mrs. Kahn, February 18. This latter bill strikes me as embodying something definite and tangible and also providing for an administration of the fund outside of the Indian Office here. The bill was prepared mainly by the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the Indian Defense Association, with a few additions and subtractions by myself. Let me know what you think of it.

With best wishes,

Hastily yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Mr. Sam Spring
Canby, Modoc Co.
California.

My dear Sir:

Two bills for the benefit of California Indians have been introduced in Congress this winter. The first of these was the Raker bill, somewhat altered from the form in which it passed a year ago. The other is a new bill introduced a few days ago by Mrs. Kahn, and very much more comprehensive and beneficial than the Raker-Collett bill.

The bill introduced by Mrs. Kahn was prepared by a number of different people and organizations, chiefly the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association.

You will see by Section 6 of the Raker bill that in case the Indians are allowed to win a case in the Court of Claims the resulting money would remain in the United States Treasury and therefore be subject to the control of the Indian Office. Mrs. Kahn's bill, on the other hand, provides for an impartial commission free of control by the Indian Office.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mr. Robert Rivis
Adin, Modoc Co.
California.

February 23, 1926.

My dear Sir:

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With kind regards to you and your wife and son,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Mr. F. W. Wilson
Adin, Modoc County
California.

My dear Sir:

You wrote me some time ago asking about what was being done for Indians. I did not reply earlier for the reason that a good many of us were at work trying to do something and I did not know how it would come out.

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I am afraid I can not help you and your wife about the payment forthe land which you say was in the Fort Bidwell

Indian school for some time. The Indian Office always requires a clear statement of the facts and a great deal of evidence. If you could get the Superintendent at Fort Bidwell to write such a statement and send it to the Indian Office you might learn just what could be done. I am sorry I can not help you in the matter.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hall Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Miss Alida C. Bowler
Indian Defense Ass'n
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Miss Bowler:

Pardon my delay in acknowledging your last letter.

The draft you sent me of a bill in regard to appropriations for the health of California Indians struck me as one not likely to be passed by Congress, but as it is in the hands of Mr. Collier it will of course receive earnest attention.

You did not send me the draft of the bill which I understood you had promised to send (the one now known as H.R. 9497, introduced February 18 by Mrs. Kahn), but Mr. Collier loaned me his copy and I worked on it for a full week before its introduction. We both regretted the impossibility of discussing various clauses with the California authors.

Mr. Collier and a number of other friends of Indians are trying hard to defeat H. R. 7826, introduced at the instance of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and giving ~~the~~ legal jurisdiction to the local Reservation Courts (so-called) for offenses committed on Indian reservations. An offset bill, prepared by Mr. Collier and Congressman Frear, seems to have a fair chance of passing, though it may be that neither will pass.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Dr. L. Webster Fox
303 So. Seventeenth St.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Fox:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in replying to my inquiry about trachoma. I am very glad to have this information, especially from the authority on the subject.

No, I have not seen your article and that of Dr. Ziegler in A.M.A. of February 6, but will look it up when I go to the library.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Dr. H. E. Anthony
American Museum of Natural History
New York City.

Dear Dr. Anthony:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th inst. in regard to the letter I wrote a while ago concerning details of publication of 'Natural History'--details that a long time past have given me much concern.

I don't quite agree with your statement that the difficulty arising from printing articles in contact so that they can not be separated "is solved by 'Natural History's' practice of printing separates in nearly every instance." How does this help a fellow unless the author sends him a separate?

In the case of the articles referred to in my letter of January 13th, namely Osborn's 'Mammals and Birds of the California Tar Pools, and McGregor's 'Recent Studies on the Skull and Brain of Pithecanthropus' no separate of either article has yet reached me, much as I would appreciate them. And in the February number just received several such cases occur, as, for instance, Wilson's article on 'The Ordeal of Getting Civilized,' which ends on the opposite side of the same page on which Jochelson's article on 'The Ethnological Problems of Bering Sea' begins; similarly, Speck's article on 'Winter Life of the Montagnais', the last page of which has on the reverse side the opening

page of Hellman's important article on 'Some Changes in the Human Face as Influenced by the Teeth.' All of these, from my standpoint, are important articles, but how on earth am I to file them where I can ever find them again since there seems to be no escape from the impossibility of separating them? It certainly is a most serious condition, and one which gives me acute distress.

I can not close without expressing my high appreciation of your two painstaking and important papers on the mammals of Porto Rico, the second of which reached me only a few days ago. It falls under one of the two classes of papers which I particularly admire: (1) monographic studies of groups and (2) monographic studies of isolated areas.

And it is a great thing for the student of a fauna to have a complete statement of present knowledge of both living and extinct species under a single cover.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor, President
National Geographic Society.

My dear Dr. Grosvenor:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me with the compliments of the Society bound volumes of the National Geographic Magazine for the year 1925. These, as usual, I shall take to California where they will be read and appreciated by many people.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 23, 1926.

Mr. Ben Parsons
Old Forge, New York.

My dear Mr. Parsons:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 16th inst. recently received.

I appreciate your courtesy on offering to hunt me up a neckyoke and shall be mighty glad if you find one. And, furthermore, I appreciate your courtesy in offering to send it to me as a present.

Your remark that it will pay for the many rides you had with me from your grandfather's place from Leyden to Boonville carries my thoughts back nearly half a century to the time when we both were in a condition of physical fitness which we would give much of our possessions to return to.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1926.

Mr. Jesse Berryessa
Sites, Colusa Co.
California.

My dear Mr. Berryessa:

A bill for the benefit of California Indians has been prepared by the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association and has been introduced in Congress by Mrs. Kahn. You and your friends will be interested in it. There is no certainty that it will pass, but many friends of California Indians are working for it.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Bill enclosed.

February 24, 1926.

Mr. William Fuller
Soulsbyville, Tuolumne Co.
California.

Dear Mr. Fuller:

You will be interested in the enclosed bill recently introduced in Congress by Mrs. Kahn.

The bill was prepared by the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association, with some additions and subtractions by myself.

Was sorry not to be able to see you last year. I trust that you are having a good winter and that you and Mrs. Fuller are in good health.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1926.

Mr. William Hulsey
Big Bend, Shasta Co.
California.

Dear Mr. Hulsey:

You will be interested in the enclosed bill recently introduced in Congress by Mrs. Kahn.

The bill was prepared by the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association, with some additions and subtractions by myself.

Was sorry not to be able to see you last year. I trust that you are having a good winter and that you and Mrs. Hulsey are in good health.

With best wishes to you both in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1926.

Mr. Lewis James
Ladoga, Colusa Co.
California.

My dear Mr. James:

Enclosed is a bill recently introduced in Congress by Mrs. Kahn. We hope it will pass, but there is no telling.

The bill was prepared jointly by the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association, with some additions and alterations by myself. We have worked over it a long time and believe it to be by far the best bill ever introduced in Congress for the benefit of California Indians.

Trusting that you are well, and with regards and best wishes from Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 24, 1926.

Editor, Hygeia
536 N. Dearborn St.
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me the number of 'Hygeia' for February (February 6, I think) containing an article by Dr. L. Webster Fox on Trachoma among North American Indians.

Would enclose price if I know it, but will remit immediately on receipt of memorandum of cost.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 26, 1926

Mr. Chas. De Y. Elkus
Commonwealth Club
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Elkus:

A word in regard to the Bill, on which you and others worked so long, introduced by Mrs. Kahn on the 18th instant: A defect in the Bill which might be corrected by an amendment is that no provision appears to be made for assisting any Indians except those engaged in farming; and as the Bill came to me there was no provision for those who already own their own lands, individually or jointly. I therefore took the liberty of adding [page 7, lines 23 and 24 of the Bill] the words "or lands now owned by Indians individually or collectively".

Inasmuch as the Bill is primarily intended as a remuneration for lands confiscated without payment, is it not simple justice to provide in some way for benefits for such Indians as are not engaged in farming?

As Mr. Collier has kept you posted in regard to various matters of legislation that have thus far come before Congress, I will not take up any more of your time.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 26, 1926

Miss Pearl Chase
2012 Anacapa Street
Santa Barbara, Calif.

My dear Miss Chase:

Not knowing whether you have received the most recent Bill for California Indians, I am enclosing herewith the one introduced by Mrs. Kahn on the 18th instant.

The draft of this Bill was prepared by members of the Commonwealth Club of California and the Indian Defense Association, with a few additions and subtractions by myself. I believe it to be the best Bill ever introduced on the subject; nevertheless it is by no means perfect. The most urgent defect from my point of view is that no provision is made for the benefit of Indians who are not farmers. I have just written Mr. Elkus about this and think the trouble may be remedied by a Committee amendment.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 27, 1926

Mrs. Louis J. Gillespie
44 Esperanza Avenue
Long Beach, California

My dear Mrs. Gillespie:

Enclosed is a copy of the Bill in behalf of California Indians recently introduced by Mrs. Kahn. I think you will read it with interest and I shall be glad of any criticisms you may make.

The Bill was drafted in California by the Indian Affairs Committee of the Commonwealth Club in cooperation with members of the Indian Defense Association, and after it reached me was subjected to a few additions and alterations.

On the whole I think it is the best Bill thus far presented for California Indians, but it is by no means perfect. The great difficulty, in view of the urgent necessity for its early introduction, was the impracticability of discussing the various clauses with the men who drafted it. The most striking omission to my mind is the failure to provide any benefits for Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers. Suggestions thankfully received.

I had hoped to see you last summer while at my summer home, Lagunitas, Marin County, and hope that we may meet during the coming season.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Feb. 27, 1926

Mrs. Stella M. Atwood
Riverside, California

My dear Mrs. Atwood:

Doubtless Mr. Collier has sent you the Bill for the help of California Indians recently introduced by Mrs. Kahn. It was prepared, as you probably know, by members of the Indian Affairs Committee of the Commonwealth Club in connection with members of the Indian Defense Association, and was worked over by me after its arrival in Washington. It is unfortunate that the great distance between California and the District of Columbia made it impracticable to discuss various points with the men who drafted the Bill. But both Mr. Collier and myself felt that the need of its immediate introduction was urgent. It can be amended later, and I should be grateful for suggestions.

The worst feature, to my mind, is the failure to provide any benefits for Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

February 27, 1926.

Mr. Charles Ela
Geyserville, Sonoma Co.
California.

My dear Sir:

I hoped to see you again before leaving California last fall, but had so many places to visit that I could not make it. I will try again on my return in the spring or early summer.

I am writing you just now for the purpose of enclosing a bill for the help of California Indians, recently introduced by Mrs. Kahn, a Member of Congress from California. It does not cover the whole ground and may be amended when it gets to the Indian Committee.

We do not know whether it will or will not become a law. That will have to be settled by Congress.

However, I felt sure that you would be glad to know that the friends of California Indians are trying to do something for them.

With best wishes to you and your family,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 2, 1926

Hon. Judson King
637 Munsey Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr King:

Complying with your request for names to be considered in connection with the Indian affairs meeting on Monday evening, I suggest the following to be chosen from:

Arthur Brisbane, N.Y. Journal, New York City
Col W. B. Greeley, Forest Service, Washington
Rudolph Kauffmann, Star Office, Washington
Colin H. Livingstone, Head Boy Scouts, 1317 F St Washn
Dr John C. Merriam, Pres Carnegie Inst., Washn
Hon John Barton Payne, 1601 I St Washn
Gov Gifford Pinchot, Harrisburg, Penn
Charles Sheldon, 1830 Phelps Place, Washn
Dr Geo Otis Smith, Director U.S. Geological Survey, Washn

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 1, 1926.

Captain Will C. Barnes
Forest Service
Washington.

Dear Captain Barnes:

Again I am under obligation to you for your letter of February 20th in regard to the so-called 'Dictionary of the Piute Indian Dialect.'

It turns out as I had suspected, that two quite distinct dialects have been combined as one. This is unfortunate, as the value of the vocabulary would be enhanced about ten thousand percent if the two were kept separate. As it stands, the main part is Ute--not Piute at all.

I was surprised to learn a few days ago that the Forest Service has no map of the part of south-eastern Oregon covered by the Klamath Lakes Indian reservation.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 3, 1926

Mr. C. J. Biron
Science League of America
509 Gillette Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Biron:

Your letter of February 23 addressed to me at my summer home, Lagunitas, has just reached me.

I am surprised to learn that I am among the seven receiving the highest number of votes for the Board of Directors of the League, and am glad to see that I am in such good company.

While for some years past, owing to my age and the pressure of unfinished work, I have been striving to unload rather than load, I feel it a duty to accept membership among the Board of Directors of the Science League.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 4, 1926

Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
San Francisco, California

Dear Sirs:

On February 8 I sent you my check on Crocker Bank for $4.33 in payment of clippings as per your accompanying bill. The receipted bill has not been returned. I shall be obliged if you will kindly send it by return mail as it is a necessary voucher for my February account in the Smithsonian Institution.

I wonder if it is not practicable for your assistants to use a little more care in pasting the reference headings to the clippings you send me from time to time. They are pasted on in all sorts of ways, sticking out too far above the clippings, sometimes so low that the reference is actually hidden by the clipping, often to the right or to the left so that they cannot be trimmed straight without cutting off part of the reference, and usually more or less crooked.

If these clippings were merely to be scanned and chucked in the wastebasket, the carelessness in attaching references would not matter. But as they are preserved in permanent files you can readily see the necessity for more care.

Very truly yours,
E. Mott American

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D. C.

Expense Account for February

1926				
Feb. 2	Morrison Paper Co., 36 sheets black cover-paper, cut	1	2	60
	Welsbach Co., new mantles and repair lights	2	1	10
5	Virginia Paper Co., 2000 sheets Munising Bond	3	2	25
	Sunset Magazine for 1926	4	2	50
	Boonville Herald for 1926	5	2	00
	American Forests for 1926		4	00
8	C.B.Allen, for coloring 10 lantern slides	6	10	00
	Journal of Mammalogy for 1926		2	75
	Allen's Press Clippings for January	7	4	33
9	Livingston Co., 1 dozen sheets carbon paper	8		50
17	Hess-Hawkins Co., box Royal Sheer Carbon Paper	9	1	50
18	Remington Typewriter Co., adjusting Monarch machine	10	1	15
20	D.A.Robinson, old male Sealion skull	11	5	00
22	One pint Waterman Ink			75
27	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rooms, February	12	5	00
	Postage and stamped envelopes for Feb.		2	48
	Car and bus fares, assistants' errands			80
	Gas, Jan.25-Feb.25, $9.90 [1/3 9.90 3.30]	13	3	30
	Electric current, Jan.20-Feb.21, $10.92 [1/3 10.92 3.64]	14	3	64
			$55	65

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March 5, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith I am enclosing my Expense Account for the month of February, amounting to $55.65, and also vouchers for Zenaida Merriam, Assistant, $44, and O. W. Goodloe, Draftsman, for drawing a large scale map of Pit River Indian tribes, $67, all of which kindly pay from the Harriman Fund and oblige

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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You probably know all this already. Sorry I do not know any way to help you.

With love from us all,

Uncle Hunt.

March 8, 1926.

Dear Helen:

Your mother writes me that you are starting for California with your family in a few days, and that you would like suggestions as to what to take. It is hard for an outsider to advise as to this. Books, of course, should go by freight. They are very heavy and expensive to move. Parcels post is too expensive for transcontinental sendings except for small packages. Express is usually cheaper. Bedding and other linen would cost too much to buy out there if you already have what you need on hand. If not to be needed soon after your arrival in Pasadena your goods might be sent by express. I assume that you could not wait long enough for freight.

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...view, which will pay enough to support the family, ...f course that is another matter; but if they are ...ing, like thousands of others, in the hope of find- ...ng something after they get there, I fear they will ...oon find themselves in a sad plight.

Elizabeth is back after her visit with ...orothy and the grandchildren, but she is not very ...strong.

With love from us all, as ever,

Hunt

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March 8, 1926.

Dear Flo:

In accordance with your request I have written Helen in regard to shipments of goods to California, but really there is little to advise without knowing more details. The important thing to bear in mind is that for transcontinental or other long distance shipments express is as cheap or cheaper than parcels post, and much safer.

When Florence first told me of the proposed change of base to California, I was very strongly opposed to it, and I am of the same opinion still. Thousands of people drift there from here, hoping to find work, but most of them are sorely disappointed and suffer untold misery.

If Peter has some definite, positive position

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Mr. James McCormick, Secretary,
U. S. Geographic Board,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th inst. informing me that the Board has approved the name Opahwah for the butte in Hot Springs or Canby Valley, Modoc County, California, recommended by me on January 22.

I am glad to know this, as I am about to publish a map of this region showing the distribution of the Pit River tribes.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1926.

Mr. Dwight W. Huntington,
Editor The Game Breeder,
20 East 42nd Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Huntington:

I regret to be obliged to decline your request for an article on the law of governing increase and decrease of species.

This is not because of lack of interest in your journal, but because of my age and the enormous accumulation of material to be put in shape for the printer. I have found it necessary to decline timekilling jobs.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 8, 1926.

Mr. Lewis L. Grant,
Boonville,
New York.

My dear Mr. Grant:

Very many thanks for the neckyoke, which arrived today, and for the trouble you took in making so neat a box for it. It is just what I wanted, and I am greatly obliged.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The neckyoke is a very pretty piece of work and handsomer than the one I sent to Fresh Pond with at least 3 coats of oil and shrinkage cracks in the wood. CHM

March 10, 1926

Mr. C. O. Durham
Durham Garage
San Anselmo, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of March 4, received today.

I am very glad to know that you have arranged with Mr. Fred Elsinore to buy my Baby Grand for $250 cash to me.

The pink slip which I thought was in the car I find that I brought with me and am enclosing to you herewith, properly filled out to the best of my knowledge.

I am enclosing herewith my check on the Crocker Bank of San Francisco for $20 in payment for four months storage.

In case Elsinore pays the other $50 (as he offered $300) you may keep $25 as per my agreement with you, and send the other $25 to me.

I appreciate your effort in protecting me in the matter.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1926.

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah(RFD 138)
California

Dear Mr. Knight:

I have not yet had any reply to my last letter, but have no doubt that you are giving the subject serious consideration. The Kahn bill is not likely to go before Congress in the near future, so there will be time for amendments. Its most serious defects, so far as I have discovered, are that it makes no provision for the compensation or relief of Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers; and that the California Indian Land Commission of five is to be so appointed that the Indian Office might have a majority. I wish you would write me fully as to your views concerning this bill, and tell me how you think it should be amended.

I have just had a telegram from Charles De Y. Elkus, Chairman of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, stating that this Club will have a meeting on the evening of March 18 to consider Indian affairs. He wishes me to suggest Indians to speak before the meeting. I have just wired him your name and address, but do not feel like mentioning any others. Doubtless he will try to communicate

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with you. His personal address is 550 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. The address of the Commonwealth Club is 345 Sutter Street.

If you go, as I hope you will, do not be afraid to speak out and say just what you feel. They will be glad to have plain statements of fact in respect to present conditions among Indians, and also suggestions as to what might be done to help.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Night Letter, March 10, 1926.

Charles De Y. Elkus
Commonwealth Club
San Francisco.

Better get Stephen Knight, Ukiah, RFD 138. Lives five or six miles south of Talmadge on east side river road. Old Indians can't speak in public to be understood.

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1926.

Mr. Charles De Y. Elkus
Commonwealth Club
345 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Elkus:

Your telegram of the 9th inst. reached me yesterday and I replied last evening. This morning your letter of the 5th arrived.

I regret that I cannot be with you on the 18th inst., but have written to Stephen Knight of Ukiah, one of the ablest and most intelligent of the Russian River Indians. He has the advantage of understanding and speaking English as well as white folks - something rare among the older Indians. He is probably the most influential man among the Indians of Northern California.

Many of the old and middle-aged Indians who have good heads are unable to express themselves in English, and moreover, most of them become so embarrassed among whites that they are unable to say what they mean.

I hope you are giving consideration to the matter I wrote you about on February 26, namely, the failure of the Kahn bill to provide for Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers.

Another feature of the bill which, to my mind,

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needs reconsideration, is the composition of the California Indian Land Commission. The bill provides for five Commissioners to be appointed by the Governor of the State, two by the Secretary of the Interior, and one by the President. This means, of course, that three of the Commissioners would represent the Indian Office, a majority of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1926.

Honorable Scott Leavitt
Chairman Committee on Indian Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Leavitt:

I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly send me half a dozen copies of my testimony before your Committee on February 13.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 11, 1926.

Honorable James A. Frear
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Frear:

If your splendid speech of March 4 on Seventy Years of Indian Misgovernment has been published I should greatly appreciate a few copies for home use and for distribution in California.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 12, 1926

Mr C.J. Biron
Secy-Treas Science League
830 Market Street
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr Biron:

Your letter of March 1, addressed to Lagunitas, has just arrived. I am never in California in winter.

Enclosed is my check on the Crocker Bank for $5. in payment of subscription for the current year. Unfortunately I am not in position to take a Life Membership.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Louis J. Gillespie
44 Esperanza Ave.
Long Beach, California

March 13, 1926

Dear Mrs. Gillespie:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th instant. In compliance with your request I am mailing you additional copies of the Kahn Bill, and also copies of a speech by Congressman Frear delivered Feb. 4.

There are several other bills which you should have if you do not already possess them, namely: H. R. 7826, a most pernicious Bill introduced by Mr. Leavitt at the request of the Indian Office; and H. R. 9315, introduced Feb. 13 by Mr. Frear to counteract the foregoing. I regret that I have no duplicate copies of these Bills, but you may obtain them by addressing the Chief of the Folding Room, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

I assume that you have seen the new Collett-Raker Bill, H. R. 8036, introduced on Jan. 20, two days before Mr. Raker's death. A copy of this Bill is enclosed herewith.

Referring again to the matter of the Kahn Bill, there are one or two points additional to the one I wrote you about a few days ago, which to my mind might be amended to advantage. For instance, of the Indian Land Commission the Bill provides two members be appointed by the Governor of California, three by the Government. This means, of course, that the Indian Office would have a majority of one.

Very truly yours,

March 15, 1926

Mr. Grant Squires
299 Madison Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Squires:

Very many thanks for your courtesy in sending me the clipping on a trip over the Lincoln Highway--a trip which I made with my family in 1913, before the Nevada part of the road was continucus. Since then I have driven across from Washington to San Francisco in ten days less time, and expect to drive across again in June of the present year.

It was very good of you to think of me in connection with this article.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Matt Morrison

March 15, 1926

Mrs. Gertrude Bonnin
1830 California St.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bonnin:

Ever since the dinner meeting of last week, when it was announced that white people were entitled to associate membership in your new National Indian Association on payment of $1 dues, I have intended to write you, but pressure of other matters prevented. I am now enclosing my $1 and shall be very glad to be enrolled as an associate member.

With best wishes to you and Mr. Bonnin personally and also for the welfare of your new organization,

Very truly yours,

C. Matt Morrison

March 15, 1926

Postmaster
Glenburn, California

Dear Sir:

On February 1, in reply to your letter of January 22 complaining of inability to deliver packages sent to Rosa Ryan, I explained that she was the wife of Tom Ryan who lives with Davis Mike on the Griffith Ranch on the road a few miles north of Glenburn.

Not having heard from you since, I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform me as to whether or not the packages in question have been delivered.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1926

Miss Fannye A. Cook
1723 G St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Cook:

Replying to your letter of the 10th instant I regret to say that I have not present means of locating the Chipmunk referred to from Monticello, Mississippi. My published reference to it in 1886 shows that the specimen was in my hands forty years ago, but my memory is too short to furnish any details.

I assume that you have searched the National Museum Collection and that Howell would have notified you if it is in the Biological Survey Collection or the Merriam Collection. Possibly it is in the Museum of Comparative Zoology at Cambridge.

The catalog of the Merriam Collection is in the National Museum so that I am unable to refer to the record of the specimen collected at Rodney, Mississippi, by Gideon Mabbet. You can easily check up on this at the Museum.

Regretting that I cannot help you out,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 15, 1926

Manager
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
255 Commercial Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Allen's absence your accounting department seems to have run amuck. My monthly bill for clippings for years past has been at the rate of $3 per month, which I have always paid by check on receipt of the bill.

Examination of my account shows payments as follows:

Clippings for Oct. $3 Paid Nov. 6.
" " Nov. $3 Paid Dec. 8.
" " Dec. No bill yet received.
" " Jan. $4.33 Paid Feb. 8 but receipt not received
" " Feb. No bill received.

You wrote me that I should have notified you on changing my address from Lagunitas to Washington. This I did by letter in November, which your office seems to have overlooked.

The bill of $3 for February clippings has never reached me, or it would have been paid long ago as it is my habit to pay billsas soon as received. Instead of this bill I have received a yellow slip with the following entries which are entirely beyond my comprehension:

	$3.
Dec-Jan	$7.33
By cash 2/15	$10.33
	$ 4.33
	$ 6.

I shall be obliged therefore if you will kindly send me the usual bill of $3 for December clippings (receipted, for which my check is enclosed) and your receipt for the $4.33 sent Feb.8 for Jan. clippings.

Very truly yours,

March 15, 1926

Manager
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
255 Commercial St.
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Since the accompanying letter was written and copied, the noon mail has arrived containing the corrected statement of my account, which I am returning to you to be receipted.

Hastily yours,

March 19, 1926

Gill Oil Burner Co.
8300 S. Chicago Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

For about a year and a half I have been using one of your oil burners in connection with the large square furnace made by the American Radiator Company.

In the main the burner gives much satisfaction, but it now and then develops troubles which I do not understand and which the only Washington agent known to me (the one on New York Avenue) is unable to remedy.

The most constant source of annoyance is the large amount of carbon deposited on the inside of the furnace. There appe to be no help for this except to brush it out at frequent intervals.

The most important difficulty during the present winter is the fluctuation in volume of flame without change in the control. For instance, after I set the burner and the oil feed so that the pressure gage registers about six and the flame barely touches the periphery of the furnace, everything appears to be all right. But without notice and without any change of control the flame may shrink so that it is slow in heating, or it may increase greatly. What is the reason for this and how can it be remedied? In other words, how can the flame be made

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to stay put after it is properly adjusted? I am using oil furnished by the Dome Oil Co. of this city, said to run 28-32.

Another thing that seems wrong is that the inside of the furnace below the level of the flame is wet much of the time. The wetness I presume to be oil, but if oil, I do not understand why it should be deposited there and not burned.

Very truly yours,

C. [illegible]

March 19, 1926

Librarian
American Museum of Natural History
77th St. and Central Park, West
New York City

My dear Sir:

I shall be obliged if you will kindly send me the following publications on anthropological subjects, issued by the Museum:

Goddard,	Handbook of Indians of the Southwest,	$ .75
Vol. 2:	No. 2, Lowie, Northern Shoshone - - -	1.50
Vol.11:	Lowie, Dances and Societies, Plains Shoshone - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.25
Vol.16:	Sundance	
	1 of Crow Indians - - - - - - - - - - -	.50
	3 of Blackfoot - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.50
	4 of Sarsi, Plains Cree, &c. - - - - - -	1.50
	5 of Wind River Shoshone and Ute - - - -	.50
	6 of Kiowa - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	.25
	7 of Plains Indians - - - - - - - - - -	1.00
Vol.19:	Article 5: Kroeber, Southern California Basketry (not priced).	
	Check enclosed	$6.75

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 19, 1926

Col. George W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Col. Stewart:

Not having heard from you in response to my letter of Feb. 23 transmitting a copy of the Kahn Bill and being anxious to know your views on the subject, I am writing again.

To my mind the Bill has two important defects: one that it makes no provision for assisting Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers; the other that of the five Land Commissioners specified, three are to be appointed by the Government, thus leaving a probable majority in the hands of the Indian Office.

The whole subject is a very difficult one but I shall appreciate your views on these and any other points that occur to you.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1926

Col. Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, California

Dear Col. Stewart:

Yesterday I wrote you the enclosed letter, but did not mail it as I wanted to add a few words this morning.

The morning mail brings me your letter of the 15th instant, for which I am greatly obliged.

Before speaking of the Indian Bill, I want to thank you for the beautifully illustrated publication on the Greater Sequoia Park, by Miss Thew, sent me at your instance.

I am grateful also for your interest in the Grizzly killed by Jesse Agnew near Horse Corral Meadows a few years ago. I earnestly hope the skull may be found, as it would be an important addition to our National Collection and furthermore might enable me to identify the species--although I have to admit in advance that it is mighty hard to make sure of the species of Grizzly Bears from the skulls of females.

What you tell me about the holes in Granite Rock in the Giant Forest interests me greatly. I will call on Dr. Matthes at the Geological Survey to see his photographs, if he is still in the city.

Yes I have a printed form for the vocabularies I have taken and am taking of Indian languages. I have now about 140 of these for California tribes. I will send you a copy, although

Col. GWS 2

up to the present time I have given out only one copy. The animal and plant blanks are printed on another schedule.

It would be fine if we were able to act on your suggestion to camp the family in the Giant Forest, while I am at work on Indians of that general region.

Just now I am about to publish on the classification and distribution of the Pit River tribes, with a colored map.

With best wishes to Mrs. Stewart and your daughter, in which Mrs. Merriam and Zenaida join,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1926

Col. Geo. W. Stewart
Visalia, California

My dear Col. Stewart:

Your letter of the 15th instant in regard to the Kahn Bill is very much to the point and very helpful.

Your long experience with land titles and Land Office affairs gives you a grasp of certain phases of the subject which most of us know nothing about. For instance, I had no suspicion of the complications in title likely to result from births and deaths in the case of group or tribal holdings. I had in mind two quite distinct types of cases, namely: (1) that of the Cahwea tribe at Palm Springs; and (2) that of the Yokiah at their settlement on the east side of Russian River, nine miles south of Ukiah.

The present Hopland rancheria is, I believe, a Government Reservation.

I admire also your suggestion that the Indian Land Commission should be authorized to dispose of undesirable present holdings either by sale or exchange.

You make another good point in advising that the Commission be given authority to determine the heirs of an Indian who dies. The practice of the Indian Office in such cases is often arbitrary and unjust.

Another of your admirable suggestions is that in the purchase of lands the Indians should be consulted as to their choice of region, as it would be most unfortunate in the majority of cases to attempt to settle Indians in a region remote from their aboriginal homes.

There are other points concerning which I may write you later. Anyhow, I appreciate your kindness in giving me the benefit of your experience and shall be thankful for any additional comments at any time.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 20, 1926

Mr. Ben Parsons
Old Forge, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Parsons:

The neckyoke you sent me has arrived in perfect condition, for which I am very greatly obliged; and furthermore I appreciate your generosity in sending it as a present.

This is the kind I used to wear over my shoulders in packing our boat between Adirondack lakes half a century ago, and almost the same as the one on which, when still younger, I used to pack a couple of pails of milk from the barn to the house early every morning.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 22, 1926.

Dr. S. F. Blake
Bureau of Plant Industry
Dept. of Agriculture.

Dear Doctor Blake:

Replying to your inquiry of the 19th instant about maps of California showing the mountain ranges, would say that Coville was on the right track in mentioning the earthquake map entitled 'Geomorphic Map of California and Nevada' published in connection with the great California earthquake of 1906. This remains today the best relief map of the state, of moderate size. The base has been used in many connections, but I have found difficulty in getting hold of copies.

If you will stop at my house (1919 Sixteenth Street), I shall be glad to show you two or three forms in which the map has been issued. I am usually at home, but you had better phone me in advance so that I shall be sure to be here (Potomac 5330).

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 22, 1926.

Mr. Ernest T. Seton
Greenwich, Connecticut.

Dear Seton:

Replying to yours of the 12th instant enclosing a slip to the effect that I straddled a doe and fawn at Kings Mountain in June 1910, would remark in passing that the statement is wholly untrue. I was not in California on the date mentioned.

I have gone to some trouble in looking over records of my work in this region and find that I was on or in the vicinity of Kings Mountain, Santa Cruz Range, in September 1888, August and October 1898, August 1902, September 1903, July 1906 and August 1916, but there is nothing in my notes under these dates relating to the incident mentioned.

Owing to the lapse of time supplemented by lapse of memory, I am not prepared to state that no such incident occurred, but can only say that I have no memory of it and find no record of it.

As ever yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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March 22, 1926.

Dr. Frederick V. Coville
Chairman Research Committee
National Geographic Society.

Dear Doctor Coville:

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant, with enclosures, would say that in my judgment there is no immediate need for a map showing the location of individual big trees--a few hundred years hence would seem to be time enough.

In view of the large number of outstanding problems falling under the general scope of the National Geographic Society, particularly those concerned with vanishing data, it would seem hardly justifiable to incur the expense of a project that could be undertaken at any time in the future.

However, it is only fair to add that I was mistaken in my first impression that the project related mainly to the exact location of individual trees. On carefully reading Mr. Farquhar's proposition addressed to Dr. Mather I find much more in it than I had supposed.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 24, 1926.

Dr. W. Barcley Stephens
1250 Bay Street
Alameda, California

Dear Dr. Stephens:

Thanks for your letter of the 18th instant just received. The clippings I am particularly glad to have, as they have not been sent me by the Allen Clipping Bureau. We are having a severe struggle in Congress, not only in an effort to secure helpful legislation but also, I regret to say, for the purpose of killing some very terrible bills which, if passed, would subject Indians to a tyranny heretofore unknown in America. It is hardly necessary to add that these bills emanate from the government Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Yes, Dr. Fox was very kind in writing me in regard to the treatment of trachoma, and also to call my attention to an important article of his which I later obtained.

Indian affairs in Congress have taken up a good deal of my time, but nevertheless I am making fair progress in working up the California material. I have had made by a draftsman of the Geological Survey a map of Northeastern California showing the areas occupied by the several Pit River tribes. This I hope to publish in colors in the not distant future.

We all, including the Baileys, are looking forward with joyful anticipation to the visit from Mrs. Stephens and Elizabeth. When their plans are matured we shall be glad to know as nearly as practicable the date of their probable arrival in Washington. I had expected to be in California in May, but now realize that this is out of the question.

With love to you all from all of us, as ever

By Hunt Thurman

Editor The Field
Windsor House, Breams Bldg.
London E.C. 4, England.

March 24, 1926.

My dear Sir:

My attention has just been called to an article by H. A. Bryden in The Field of March 4 on the Glacier or Blue Bear. The article gives a fairly accurate account of what was known of this bear some twenty years ago. Present knowledge is much more complete. There are numerous specimens in our National Museum in Washington, in the American Museum of Natural History in New York, and in the Field Natural History Museum in Chicago, with others in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology of the University of California and other collections.

In the National collection here in Washington we have many skulls and a few skins. The skulls and teeth are indistinguishable from those of the common Black Bear of the mainland of Alaska. The skins show a wide range of variation.

At one time I regarded this bear as a local subspecies of the Black Bear, confined to Yakutat Bay and the Mt. St. Elias region, but the field observations of the late G. Frederick Norton (killed in France during the war) contain the important information that <u>black and blue cubs occur in the same litter</u>, and that the black form is much more common than the blue in the headquarters of the supposed race, namely the Yakutat Bay region, thus demonstrating that the peculiar coloration is merely a local color phase of the common Black Bear.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

March 24, 1926

Dr. F. E. Matthes
3203 Nineteenth St.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Matthes:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 21st instant enclosing photographs of a remarkable type of hole in the granite believed to have been made by Indians. By a curious coincidence these holes were mentioned in a recent letter from Col. J. W. Stewart of Wasilla. I did not then recall having seen them, but your photographs refresh my memory. I was much perplexed by them and have no knowledge of what they were made for. I assume that there is no question as to their Indian origin.

Thanking you for the photographs, which I am very glad to have, and with best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

March 27, 1926

Mr. Wm. Osgood Field
Grays Hall, 7
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Field:

Replying to your letter of the 23rd instant I regret to say that I do not know the present address of Edward S. Curtis. I have not heard from him for several years and do not know if he has a permanent address.

I am much interested in your proposed hunt along the western base of the Fairweather Range. This is said to be a great country for Big Bears and for some years past I have been particularly anxious to see skulls of adult males from that region. Should you obtain any I shall ask the privilege of examining them.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

Since writing the above I have learned that the address of E.S.Curtis is : 437 Fifth Ave., New York (Knabe Bldg.), also that he has another address: The Curtis Studio, Seattle, Washington.

You have probably seen the illustrations in the Harriman Expedition Reports. One of my photographs of Mt. Fairweather (over 15,000 feet altitude) and Mr. Lituia (11,800 feet altitude) is in Volume 2 of the Harriman Reports, facing page 266.

March 27, 1926

Librarian
American Museum Natural History
New York City

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your promptness in sending the anthropological publications asked for and for your courtesy in including Kroeber's paper on Mission Indian Baskets.

Will you not kindly send me a receipt for the $6.75 for these publications; it is needed as a subvoucher for my March Account with the Smithsonian Institution.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

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March 27, 1926

Mr. Ernest Walker
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

When you were here last evening I forgot to ask you about a locality from which a Bear skull was received last season. The name as nearly as we could make it out was Ola Auk. It came presumably from near the mouth of ~~the~~ Lynn Canal. Do you know any locality which has a sound anything like the above name?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

He replied, the name is
Old Auke Indian village on N side
Auke Bay, 20 miles NW of Juneau -

March 27, 1926

Mr. Ernest Walker
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

When you were here last evening I forgot to ask you about a locality from which a Bear skull was received last season. The name as nearly as we could make it out was Ole Auk. It came presumably from near the mouth of the Lynn Canal. Do you know any locality which has a sound anything like the above name?

Very truly yours,

He replied, the name is Old Auke Indian village on N side Auke Bay, 20 miles NW of Juneau.

Retake of Preceding Frame

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March 29, 1926.

Miss Alida C. Bowler, Executive Secy.
Indian Defense Association of Calif.
1010 Mills Building,
San Francisco, California

My dear Miss Bowler:

Your letter of February 25 enclosing an account of your visit to several rancherias in and about Alexander Valley is most interesting, and recalls many memories, as I know personally most of the Indians you mention.

The name of the widow you mention with several children is Elizabeth Cordova. She is a daughter of old Henry Maximilian.

I am glad to note that Geyserville Joe and old Joe McCloud are still living.

Evidently you did not visit the home of Charley Ely, who lives on the top of the hill to the left as you enter the Geyserville rancheria. He and his family seem to be very good people.

Not long ago Congressman Lea of Santa Rosa told me that he had succeeded in inducing the Indian Office to purchase a tract of land near Lytton for some of these Alexander Valley Indians. It would seem to be a good thing if the inaccessible people on the so-called 'Wappo' Reservation could be moved to the new site. The annoyance of twelve gates in visiting a rancharia or any other place is, to say the least, very acute. A similar case, though less severe, is the one of the Kahchil rancheria on the west bank of the Sacramento River six or seven miles north of Colusa. Here

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there are five gates to be opened, making ten for the round trip, and since a number of Indians go in and out every day, you will realize that the hardship is very great. A year or two ago I mentioned this case at a meeting of the Indian section of the Commonwealth Club, and expressed the feeling that here was something definite which might be remedied by some of the organizations whose assistance to Indians practically resolves itself into talks. Talking to raise sympathy is a good thing, of course, but unless supplemented by deeds, amounts to little in the long run.

Hoping you will revisit these and many other rancherias in order to ascertain from personal observation just what the conditions are, and with best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

The noon mail has just brought your letter of March 23 enclosing affidavit by Chauncy Goodrich. It is fine and I shall write him - CHM

March 29, 1926.

Mr. Harold J. Coolidge Jr.
39 Randolph Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Coolidge:

Continuous pressure of accumulated work has delayed me in replying to your letter of the 2nd instant--and really there is not much to say since we met at Charles Sheldon's.

I was very glad to have an opportunity to talk with you about your hunt, but forgot to ask you about Hasselborg. Evidently you got along with him better than some others. I suppose that his mind is hardly normal.

Ursus mirabilis appears to be a true grizzly.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

March 29, 1926.

Mr. Chas. De Y. Elkus
550 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Elkus:

Thanks for your note of the 22nd instant telling me that Stephen Knight and Mr. Benson came to your recent meeting. I wish I could have been there and hope that the outcome will be for the good. You certainly had a most interesting program.

The enclosed bills introduced by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs will show you better than any words of mine the deep sympathy and kindly disposition of the Indian Office toward our Indians.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Enclosures.

March 29, 1926.

Dear Mrs. Armer:

I have not replied to your letters for two reasons: that I am still overwhelmed with work and that I have been hoping you would send me one or more pictures.

Winter is practically past and I am anxious to see the story in type before returning to California, hence I hope you will be able to send me the pictures in the near future.

With best wishes

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Mrs. Laura Adams Armer
1329 Arch Street
Berkeley, California

March 30, 1926.

My dear Professor Koch:

Your letter of the 24th instant arrived this morning and I am very glad to hear from you. I am at Lagunitas usually from May or June until November or December and should be glad to see you at any time when at home. While Lagunitas is headquarters, I am away in the field about half of the time so that it would be well to phone to Lagunitas (only one phone there--it is in the post office-store) and the postmaster will tell you whether we are at home or not.

As I resigned from the Biological Survey sixteen years ago, I have no control over the Death Valley Expedition photographs, but I think you can obtain what you want by addressing Dr. E.W. Nelson, Chief, and Dr. F.V. Coville, Botanist, for the ones taken by him--Coville is in the Bureau of Plant Industry, not the Biological Survey.

The photographs you allude to, taken at Hot Springs below Panamint, were confiscated by the developer and have never been seen by any of us.

I have not been to Twin Oaks in many years, though I hope to go there within a year or two as I expect to resume broken off field work in the southern part of the state within a year.

My sister Florence hears from Helen now and then, but we know little as to what the family are doing.

With best wishes to you and yours,

Very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

Prof. Fred W. Koch
2043 Berryman St.
Berkeley, Calif.

April 1, 1926

Mr. Chauncey S. Goodrich
1010 Mills Building
San Francisco, California

My dear Mr. Goodrich:

You were very kind to send me a copy of your admirable paper entitled The Legal Status of the California Indian. It will be of service to me in all of my future work, and cannot fail to be helpful to very many people. It is a fine thing that once in a while some competent person undertakes the drudgery of bringing together material of this kind and of illuminating it from his own knowledge.

I greatly admire also your painstaking analysis of Senate Bill 3020 providing that Federal funds appropriated for the care and relief of California Indians be expended through certain public agencies of the State of California, a copy of which Mr. Collier let me have for a few days.

This Bill, if I understand the situation correctly, is the only one for the relief of California Indians likely to be passed during the present Session, and unfortunately it is by no means sure that it will pass.

Your comparison of the Kahn Bill (H.R.9497) with the Raker Bill (H.R.8036) is certainly a masterly and convincing treatment, and will, I trust, do much good in clearing the Congressional atmosphere on the subject.

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For some time past I have been meaning to write you concerning certain amendments needed in the Kahn Bill. I wrote Mr. Elkus about these a while ago, but am not sure that he brought the matter to your attention.

The most important omission, it seems to me, is the absence of provision for Indians who are not and do not wish to be farmers. If the intent of the Bill is, as stated, the reimbursement of California Indians for lands taken from their tribes without payment therefor, it would seem that all surviving members of these tribes should share in the benefits. I do not see clearly how to phrase a clause to this effect, but might it not be inserted in the matter relating to the powers of the proposed Commission, giving them authority to assist non agricultural Indians in such manner as in their judgment seemed best?

Col. Geo. W. Stewart of Visalia, to whom I sent a copy of the Bill, asking for his views, makes the following suggestions:

There will no doubt be many instances when a group of applicants will desire a certain area set aside for their occupancy and development, but I am not certain that a group patent would prove satisfactory. It is provided that after such a patent is issued the land so patented shall cease to be administered by the Commission provided for in the bill and shall be subject to local assessment and taxation. Every death would cause the title to become involved to some extent and probate proceedings would become necessary. Indian families and groups do not always remain harmonious and it would be difficult for one or more who might become dissatisfied to secure the segregation of a specified tract from a larger area in which each one of several patentees held an undivided interest. Each birth and death could change the proportionate interest of every patentee in the entire tract. In the second generation each child in a large family would hold a comparatively small portion of the parent patentee's interest.

At present there are in California some Indian homestead patentees, trust patentees and claimants, and many allottees holding trust patents. I think it would be well if some provision were made authorizing the Commission to dispose of undesirable lands covered by trust patents and purchase in lieu thereof better land upon which a family could be maintained. At the request of Indians who hold final patents for poor land, perhaps the same authority might be given the Commission to make such exchanges for them.

After an Indian is permitted to occupy and improve a tract of land, would it not be advisable until such time as patent issues, to give the Commission authority to determine the heirs of one who dies? The Indian Service has such authority now in the case of deceased allottees.

I trust that when possible lands will be purchased in the vicinity of the territory formerly occupied by the Indians moved on to them, for they have a strong love for their old haunts and would not be happy or thoroughly satisfied elsewhere.

Mr. Stewart asks if the Act is intended to apply to reservation as well as non reservation Indians. I assume that it is intended to apply to <u>all Indians</u> in California.

Referring to the apparent large size of the appropriation, Mr. Stewart remarks:

The total amount of compensation provided for is not unreasonable and would enable many of the Indians to become self-supporting at an early date and would assure adequate protection and assistance to a greater number who, or whose children, would in time become producers instead of public charges.

Instead of asking for the appropriation of the whole $49,583,640 as a lump sum at one time, it occurs to me that it might favor the passage of the Bill if it were spread out over several years. I suggest therefore that the Kahn-Goodrich Bill be regarded as an <u>Enabling Act</u>, and that lines 6 and 7 of page 5 be amended by striking out the words "<u>be and the same is hereby</u>" and substituting therefor the words "<u>is authorized to be</u>"--leaving <u>the amount</u> to be appropriated the first and after years to be determined later. This would be less objectionable to the Budget

and the President [Collier thinks that the Bill if passed in its present form would be vetoed by the President].

While not feeling competent to draft a suitable clause to provide for non agricultural Indians, I have interlined at the top of page 8 a few words to be taken merely as a suggestion for what is in my mind. You doubtless will supply the proper phraseology.

Thanking you for the splendid work you have done on behalf of our California Indians, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

In case you do not know Col Stewart, would say that for 25 years he was Register or Attorney for the Federal land office at Visalia, and that he has been a consistent friend of Calif Indians during all that time.

April 2, 1926

Mr. C. L. Christensen
Moab, Utah

My dear Mr. Christensen:

Herewith I am returning the book you so kindly loaned me by Peter Gottfredson, entitled Indian Depredations in Utah.

I apologize for keeping it so long, but it was chuck full of facts which I am very glad to have and most of which I have not seen elsewhere. I should have returned it earlier, but have been overwhelmed with other work so that for periods of a week or more at a time I was not able to look at it.

Do you know where the southern line of the Utes was in the early days--the boundary between them and the southern Piutes?

Again thanking you for sending me this important book, and with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

The book is mailed today but probably will not reach you for several days after this letter.

April 2, 1926

Mr. De Lancey Gill
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gill:

Some years ago the Bureau furnished me with 10 prints of photographs of southern Piutes bearing the following numbers:

1204	1221
1206	1226
1207	1234
1217	1243
1219	1247

There were no labels on these photos and I am anxious to know localities, and if practicable the year, of their taking. If you can furnish this information without too much trouble I shall be greatly obliged.

In the near future I hope to show you some albums of Indian photos taken by myself in California and Nevada during the past 30 years.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 5, 1926

Mr. Stephen Knight
Ukiah, California

My dear Mr. Knight:

Many thanks for your letter of March 23 approving the Kahn Bill, subject to certain amendments, and telling me of your trip to San Francisco.

Since the meeting I have heard from three of those present, each one telling me that you made a good talk and a good impression.

Last week I sent a few amendments to Mr. Goodrich, the lawyer who drew the Kahn Bill, and expect to hear from him in the near future. When the amendments are agreed, I will send you a copy of the amended Bill. If any other suggestions occur to you I shall of course be glad to have them.

Apparently we cannot get a united stand for the Kahn Bill from the California Delegation, by which I mean the Representatives and Senators from California. We want all of them to back up the Bill.

Mr. Lea, of Santa Rosa, declines to support the Bill on the ground that it conflicts with the Collett-Raker Bill which he is advocating. He seems to labor under the impression that the Indians in his District want the Raker Bill. I think this idea comes mainly from Tom Johnson, who is strongly addicted to the Collett-Raker Bill and who has been to see Mr. Lea a number of times.

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If you could succeed in getting the several Russian River tribes and the Clear Lake tribes to stand behind the Kahn Bill, and notify Mr. Lea to this effect, I think he would hesitate before refusing to support the Kahn Bill.

There are a good many voters among the Indians of Russian River Valley and Clear Lake, and if it were understood that they were prepared to vote as a unit for the support of the Kahn Bill, the outlook would be more encouraging.

Mr. Goodrich has drawn up a comparison of the two Bills. It is a strong document and I am enclosing two copies herewith, so that you may have one to keep and another to send where you think it will do the most good.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam.

April 5, 1926

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

It is a long time since I have heard from you directly. But indirectly I have been told that you gave a fine talk before the Commonwealth Club on March 18, on the subject "Fish, Deer and Acorns vs. Barren Lands and Starvation". I hope this was published and should much admire to have a copy.

Have you seen Chauncey Goodrich's comparative analysis of the Kahn and Collett-Raker Bills, now before Congress? Assuming that you have not, I am enclosing one herewith.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

By the way, I am anxious to help put the Kahn Bill in a little better shape than the one originally introduced and have sent several suggested amendments to Chauncey Goodrich.

If you have time to examine the Bill critically and make suggestions as to additional amendments, it would be helpful.

April 5, 1926

Dr. F. V. Coville, Botanist
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Coville:

The enclosed fragment of a heliotrope was just sent me from south-central California with the information that its root was used by the Indians for red paint. I assume that it is Heliotropium curassavicum. Is this not correct?

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 5, 1926

Mr. Ernest P. Walker
Biological Survey
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thanks for your letter of the 2nd instant telling me in reply to my inquiry that the locality for the Bear Skull labeled Ola Auk should be written Old Auk and that its location is on the northern side of Auk Bay about 20 miles northwest of Juno. This is exactly what we wanted to know.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Nelson -

April 6, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

Herewith is my Expense Account for the month of March, amounting to $51.25, along with vouchers for Zenaida Merriam Assistant, $52, and Miss Ella Welborne for services as Stenog.-Asst., $95.83, which I shall be obliged if you will pay as usual from the Harriman Fund.

I have withheld this account until this afternoon awaiting the receipt of receipted bills from the Allen Press Clipping Bureau of San Francisco, which have only this moment arrived. Even now they are involved although they cover the amounts paid. During the past month I have written three letters to this Bureau trying to straighten out the account and get receipts. This sort of thing is not only annoying but causes great waste of time.

Very truly yours,
C. Hart Merriam

C. Hart Merriam

1919 16th St., Washington, D.C.

Expense Account for March 1926

1926				
March 10	Morrison Paper Co., manila file envelopes & folders	1	6	25
12	Columbia Photo Supply Co., 10 pkgs corners for mounting photos			
12	American Anthropologist for 1926	2	1	00
12	Science League of America		5	00
15	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, clippings for Dec.	3	3	00
15	Allen's Press Clipping Bureau, clippings for Feb.	4	3	00
	Amer. Association Medical Progress		2	00
	Amer. Museum Natural History publications	5	6	75
	Bartlett, Least Known America and postage		1	50
	Stansbury, Great Salt Lake, text and maps		1	80
20	Morrison Paper Co., black sheets for mounting photos	6	1	25
24	3 erasers & 4 pkgs photo corners	7		70
	Gas Light Co., gas Feb.25-March 25 $9.30 [1/3 9.30 3.10]	8	3	10
	Potomac Electric Co., current Feb.21-March 23 $10.22 [1/3 10.22 3.40]	9	3	40
	Florence Johnson, cleaning office rms, month of March	10	5	00
	Envelopes and stamps, March		2	00
	Street car and bus fares, assistants on errands			50
			$51.25	

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C. Hart Merriam
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Manager
Allen's Press Clipping Bureau
San Francisco

April 7, 1926

Dear Sir:

At last, after waiting two weeks more, your receipted bills arrived [tho not in the form I asked for], and I am able to close up and turn in my account. I am too old and have too much to do to afford to waste time this way.

A few days ago a batch of clippings similar to or duplicates of the enclosed came from your office. I am not interested in these game conservation matters and care nothing about the meetings of the game officials and do not know why such clippings are sent.

Very truly,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1926

Mr. De Lancey Gill
Smithsonian Institution
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gill:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and promptness in sending me the data for the Powell Survey photographs concerning which I wrote you a few days ago. I am enormously glad to have this information and appreciate the trouble you took in preparing the record.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 7, 1926

Mr. Elmer Applegate
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Dear Mr. Applegate:

In writing up some records of the former occurence of the Buffalo in the desert valleys of northeastern California it occurs to me that Buffalo may have ranged into the region between Klamath and Goose Lakes, or in the Warner Lakes country. Will you kindly ask some of the old Indians about this?

I should be glad also if you will write phonetically in plain English the name for the Buffalo in the Klamath language.

With best wishes to Mrs. Applegate and yourself, and in the hope that we may again meet on the road, if not in a better place.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

Vernon Bailey joins in kindest regards.

April 7, 1926

Gill Burner Co.
8300 S.Chicago Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sirs:

On March 19 I wrote you asking a few specific questions in regard to the behavior of your burner. You replied ignoring my questions but stating that your eastern representative would call. Up to the present time he has not been heard from.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Morrison

April 10, 1926

Rev. Anthon T. Gesner.
Clowes Terrace
Waterbury, Conn.

My dear Dr. Gesner:

Many thanks for your courtesy in writing me about books belonging to my friend the late John H. Sage which Mrs. Sage is kind enough to suggest be given to Dr. Fisher and myself.

The three you have selected, namely the Harriman Alaska Expedition, Wilderness of the Upper Yukon by Charles Sheldon, and A Labrador Spring by Charles W. Townsend, will be most welcome. I have the first two here in Washington but shall be glad of the duplicate copies to take to my summer home at Lagunitas in California.

John Sage and I were personal friends for more than 50 years. He contributed important material to my Birds of Connecticut, published in 1877, and joined me in field work on Mt. Shasta and in Yosemite Valley in 1898.

He was a fine man and one who will be missed by a large circle of friends.

Please present my kindest regards to Mrs. Sage.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1926

Mr. Lucius H. Cannon
Librarian, Municipal Reference Library
City Hall, 408, St. Louis

My dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 3rd instant, I regret to say that it will be out of the question for me to attempt to furnish you with a personal biography, a request I have been obliged to decline from a number of Scientific societies including the National Academy. I am too old and have too much unfinished work on hand to take the time to prepare a paper of this kind.

But I can help you in the matter of biographies of the other eminent naturalists you mention--those of Dr. Brewer and Dr. Coues will be found in The Auk, the quarterly magazine of the American Ornithologists Union, which you doubtless have in your library. Many other biographies you will find in the same serial.

Sketches of Baird were delivered at a memorial meeting here in Washington a few years ago and were published in Science. It fell to my lot to speak of 'Baird the Naturalist' and I take pleasure in mailing you herewith a copy of my addesss.

Thanking you for your own publications and regretting that I cannot do more for you,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 10, 1926

Mr. A. H. Howell
Biological Survey
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Howell:

Some time ago Mrs. Snyder asked me about the data for two Bear skulls which came in last fall. One was a big skull from a place called "Ola Auk", on the label. Mr. Walker informs me that the proper name is Old Auk, the name of an Indian village on the north side of Auk Bay about 20 miles northwest of Juneau and only a short distance south of Tee Harbor on the east shore of Lynn Canal.

The other case was that of the young Lava Bed Bear sent in by me from the neighborhood of Paisley, Oregon. E. J. Davis, from whom I purchased the ~~skull~~ specimen, after waiting four months has finally written me that the Bear was killed October 10, 1924.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1926

Mr. N. W. Dorsey, Accountant
Smithsonian Institution

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

When I left California in November last I left my old car with C. O. Durham, proprietor of the Durham Garage, San Anselmo, California, for sale, naming $250 as the price. Owing to the flooded condition of the market for secondhand cars and the worn out condition of the car, I did not believe he could get this amount for it. He has succeeded, however, and I have just received his check of $250 in payment. This I have deposited to my account and am inclosing to you herewith my check of $125, retaining the other $125 ~~as~~ for my personal ~~payment of half~~ for what is left the original cost of the car. [a very awkward sentence]

If you will consult my expense account for latter part of July (July 23-31) 1920, you will see that I paid $1505.70 for this car, charging half ($752.85) to the Harriman Fund and paying the other half myself.

The first car purchased for field work in California cost $2508.70, as you will see on consulting my account for June 1913. Of this amount the Harriman Fund paid $1254.35 and I paid a like amount.

Therefore for the two cars thus far purchased for field work in California I have personally paid $2007.20. This I think

you will admit was wholly unnecessary on my part. I did not wish to have it said that I used the Harriman Fund to purchase cars to be used for pleasure trips. But anyone who knows anything about my field work will understand that there could be no possible ground for such an accusation, and it might be added that during the same period I have purchased two other cars for personal use.

I am telling you all this for the reason that before returning to California during the present spring I expect to purchase and drive to California for field work another car, which I intend to charge wholly to the Harriman Fund.

In accordance with my agreement with Durham I paid him last month for storage on the car, from latter part of November to latter part of March, $20 (at the rate of $5 per month, which I always pay for storage during the period when I am absent from California). This amount I will enter in my April account.

Herewith I am enclosing Durham's letter in regard to the sale of the car, and shall be obliged if you will return it unless you wish to preserve it as a voucher.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1926

Mr. James McCormick, Secretary
U. S. Geographic Board

Dear Mr. McCormick:

Thanks for your letter of the 8th instant transmitting a copy of a letter from Col. Geo. W. Stewart of Visalia concerning the several spellings of the name Padoosha, Potwisha, Badoosha, &c.

Col. Stewart corroborates my statement as to the variants of the name and in the end agrees that the best rendering is either Potwisha or Patwisha. The matter is not one of very great importance.

If you happen to have plenty of copies of the decisions of February 3 and March 3 I should be glad of two additional copies.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam -

April 13, 1926

Mr. C. O. Durham
San Anselmo, Calif.

My dear Sir:

Very many thanks for your letter of the 6th instant just received, enclosing check of $250 in payment for my Baby Grand car.

I regret that I misunderstood the proper method of signing the blanks on the red slip, but am glad that the Sacramento people accepted it and that the matter is now closed.

I went to thank you for your kindness and the trouble you have taken in bringing this about.

I shall be late in returning to California this year but hope to see you before the end of June.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

April 13, 1926

Dr. Barton W. Evermann, Director
California Academy of Sciences
Golden Gate Park, San Francisco

Dear Dr. Evermann:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your courteous letter of February 24 transmitting a copy of an interesting account of some of the Mission Indians, by Mr. Blaine Phillips, and offering to let me see a series of prints from his negatives. I should be greatly obliged for the privilege of examining these.

While Mr. Phillips is obviously not an ethnologist and has curious ideas as to the relationships of some of the socalled Mission tribes, he nevertheless has contributed a very readable story, particularly regarding the Ramada. I have personally examined, measured and photographed two of these in connection with my work among the tribes of southern California.

The degree to which I have been snowed under during the past month or two is my only excuse for not acknowledging earlier your letter.

With best wishes to you all,

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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April 13, 1926

Mr. L. A. Barrett
Forest Service
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Very many thanks for your courtesy and forethought in sending me a campfire permit for the present year. I am very glad to have this as it will save time after I reach California — which unfortunately will not be upon the present occasion.

With best wishes,

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Benton

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April 13, 1926

Editor, American Forests
1523 L St., N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I am sending you a brief note concerning the early recognition of need for reforestation in certain parts of California, which I came across in Hittell's History a short time ago.

Very truly yours,

E. Hart Merriam

(See facing page)

EARLY SUGGESTION FOR REFORESTATION IN CALIFORNIA

The late Judge Theodore Hittell, an indefatigable delver after information relating to California, calls attention to a surprising document issued in 1839, suggesting the need of restriction in the cutting of trees and the desirability of encouraging tree planting along public roads and elsewhere.

His remarks on the subject follow:

"In 1839, a very interesting paper had been issued by Romero, minister of the interior at Mexico, on the subject of forestry. He said that the republic had for some years suffered from droughts; that harvests failed and cattle died; and that reason, tradition and experience pointed to the devastation of the forests and denudation of the hills and mountains as influential causes of such calamities. It was consequently important not only to restrict the cutting of trees but, for the preservation of the health and welfare of the people and the protection of agriculture and industries depending upon it, to encourage the restoration of wasted forests and the planting of trees along public roads and in such places as could not otherwise be made useful. He, therefore, in the name of the president, recommended the adoption of such legislation as might be necessary to effectuate the purposes indicated. Nothing, however, was done in relation to the subject in California until now, in May, 1845, a series of regulations was adopted to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of wood and timber and restricting cutting to the owners of lands."

Hittell, History of California, V. 2, 364, 1885.

The sources of information referred to by Hittell were the California Archives, ~~L.R.IV, 123-131;~~ S.G.S.P. XV, 103, 104; and L.R.IV, 147-149.

April 14, 1926

Mrs. T. H. Montgomery, Jr.
Librarian, Marine Biological Laboratory
Woods Hole, Massachusetts

My dear Mrs. Montgomery:

Your letter of the 12th instant suggesting an exchange of publications with the Journal of Mammalogy has just arrived and I am forwarding it to Dr. H. H. T. Jackson, Editor of the Journal, who doubtless will write you direct.

Very truly yours,

C. Hart Merriam

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